Warning from Lebanon

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Leon Dulzin [left] WZO chairman, greets Israeli President Yitzhak Navon. [IPPA photo]

TOGETHER AGAIN

Mother and three sisters — [from left] Malka, Gelila, Bethel and Devorah — spent their first Chanukah together since being reunited in Montreal after leaving Ethiopia. Cousin Baruch Tegene looks on. [Howard Kay photo]

Settlements policy defended by Begin

JERUSALEM [JTA] — "Peace cannot be achieved by giving up parts of Eretz Israel. If any foreign power were to control the hills west of the Jordan Valley, life in Israel would become hell."

So said Prime Minister Menachem Begin last week in an emotional defence of his government's policy of increasing Jewish settlement on the heavily-populated West Bank of the Jordan River.

He spoke at the 30th World Zionist Congress here, in response to Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor Party, who charged that the government's settlement policy was leading Israel toward "a military future," and that continued rule over more than a million Arabs could make Jews eventually a minority in their own country.

In his rebuttal to the resolution, Begin said that Israel had the right to settle all of what he termed the Land of Israel and would continue to control security on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He said the number of Arabs in Eretz Israel has decreased in the past 15 years whereas the Jewish population grew by 1% annually.

"True, the Arab minority in Eretz Israel is big," he observed. "But the Jewish majority is also very big — nearly two thirds."

According to the 1981 census, he said, 5,213,000 people live in Israel proper and the administered territories, of whom 3,320,000 or about 64% are Jews.

He expressed hope that an agreement will be reached soon with Lebanon. Israel does not want an inch of Lebanese territory, he said; it supports Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity. It wants to see all foreign forces out of Lebanon, he insisted.

He said Israel will agree to leave simultaneously with the Syrians if the PLO leaves first.

Peres' speech was one of the few delivered in its entirety without the partisan heckling that has marred this stormy congress. The opposition leader placed the greatest emphasis on the economy and immigration.

Peres said that Israel's economy must be advanced and made more independent. Science and technology should focus on developments that will attract more educated young Jews from the Diaspora.

Declaring that "Israel is not a business; it is a human experience," he called on every Jewish family around the world

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Surprise!

The 2,000 delegates at the 30th World Zionist Congress last week had more than their share of excitement. Besides outbreaks of heckling and fisticuffs, they got another jolt of a non-partisan nature:

The plenary session broadcast over a closed circuit TV system to all parts of the convention hall was suddenly replaced by a porno movie. It was on for some time before the screens were blacked out.

Security officers who investigated were unable to find the culprits.

Peres pushed through a resolution calling for territorial compromise with all Israel's Arab neighbors and an end to West Bank settlement. But World Zionist Organization chairman Leon Dulzin refused to accept it on grounds that the some 2,000 delegates had no right to oppose official policies of the Jewish state.

It was the first time in Israel's 34-year history that the congress, representing Zionists around the world, voted against an Israeli government. Founded in 1897 by the father of modern Zionism, Theodor Herzl, it now meets every four years, and traditionally supports the Israeli government of the day, although it is independent.

MP says recognition not on agenda

Canada says no to the PLO

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — There is no possibility that Canada will recognize the PLO, Jim Peterson, Liberal MP for Willowdale, said here recently. "I categorically deny that this has any chance of coming to fruition. Recognition is not on the agenda," he declared.

He was speaking at a seminar at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, sponsored by the international affairs committee of the Ontario Region, Canadian Jewish Congress. Charles Zaionz was chairman.

While stating that recognition is not in the cards, Peterson said the Jewish community in Canada "is losing the public opinion battle right now," and added, "it will be a long, hard road to come back." A turnaround in public opinion is dependent on "the camp matter being cleared up," he said, "and the sooner a multilateral force can be set up in Lebanon the better."

The Toronto MP said a parliamentary group which visited Israel and Lebanon could not get the non-Jewish press in Canada to come to its press conferences when it returned and a request to go on national TV was turned down.

In a candid and complete review of the government's policy toward Israel, Peterson said he has talked to Prime Minister Trudeau "and I have not found any direct prejudice on his part against Israel."

The MP added: "He's been big enough to recognize his mistake in initially calling for unilateral withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon and Canada's official position is now more balanced, calling for a withdrawal of all forces."

Peterson also made these points:

- King Hussein of Jordan can play a constructive role in peace efforts and his recent hint of some kind of compromise should be acted on quickly.
- He is fully convinced that there must be some Israeli presence on the West Bank.
- He is confident that Prime Minister Begin is a "tremendously adept poker player," and that Begin's rigid policy on more West Bank settlements is one of his cards. "I was surprised that he gave up the Sinai."
- The Liberal and Conservative parties are split on the question of Israel, as is Canadian public opinion and the Jewish community in Canada itself. "The Israelis themselves are frightfully divided," he added.

Peterson said it was not appropriate for a federal cabinet minister to go to a pro-PLO meeting in Montreal. "It was something I would not have done myself," he said.

Referring to a violation of the Arab boycott guidelines by the Canadian dairy industry, he said: "I am not pleased with what has happened and I don't understand how the guidelines were breached."

The solution of problems on the West Bank is the key to peace in the Mideast, he asserted. Since it is only nine miles from the narrowest point of the Green Line to the Mediterranean, some

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Rap Adventists for editorial

TORONTO — The Canadian Jewish Congress last week expressed shock and dismay at the "display of bigotry" in the current issue of Signs of the Times, published by the Seventh Day Adventists of Canada.

Officials objected to an editorial as well as an article entitled Bombs Over Bethlehem, both of which claimed the Jews had crucified Christ and thus harvested their present problems in Israel.

The editorial concluded: "If the Jewish people had accepted gratefully God's gift of Jesus, and had listened respectfully to the wise counsel of this greatest of all Jews, the whole course of Jewish history would have been happier, and the appalling debacle in Lebanon, stirring up so much world disgust, would never have occurred."

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, chairman, and Ben Kayfetz, executive director of the National Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, sent a telegram to the Adventists saying they were "deeply shocked" by these rebukes to the Jewish people for "deicide and for maintaining their traditional monotheistic faith."

The wire also declared they were "profoundly saddened at the display of bigotry by a church with whom we have cooperated often in the past on social matters and Sabbath observance and with whom we assumed we related in terms of equality and integrity."

Earlier deadlines

Editorial deadline for the Jan. 6 issue is noon, Tuesday, Dec. 28; advertising deadline: Wednesday noon, Dec. 29.

The CJN offices in Toronto and Montreal will be closed Dec. 24-27 inclusive and on Dec. 31.

Liz to Mideast on peace mission

LOS ANGELES [JTA] — Movie queen Elizabeth Taylor announced here last week that she was embarking on a 10-day peace mission to the Mideast, during which she'll meet Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel and President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon.

Elizabeth Taylor

"I want to bring a sense of sincere friendship between myself and the people of America to Israel," said the much-married actress, who converted to Judaism in 1959, two months before her marriage to Eddie Fisher. "I want to create peace between Israel and Jordan."

She told reporters she "always loved going to Israel," and hoped she could help revitalize Israel's tourist industry and "bring its friends back to the country."

During her Mideast trip, she said she will visit a Lebanese orphanage and attend a New Year's Eve diplomats' ball in Tel Aviv.

The journey is being arranged by Phil Blazer, publisher of the Los Angeles-based American-Jewish bi-weekly, Israel Today.

World-National

Jews' concerns in Australia like our own

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

After three weeks spent with the Jewish community in Australia I come away with one major impression: the Jews down under and we in Canada bear a remarkable similarity. To be sure, Australia's Jews are far fewer (62,000 compared to our approximately 300,000) and they are isolated while we dwell next to the largest aggregation of our people in the world. Yet, their hopes and worries are the same as ours, and the war in Lebanon deepened the evident oneness of Am Yisrael.

Rabbi Plaut

If anything, the Australian public was fed an even more 1-sided media diet than were North Americans. We at least had some counter balance of rational reporting: The Wall Street Journal, The New Republic, and respectable analysts like Barbara Tuchman, George Will, Cruise O'Brien and a few others. In Australia their voices were absent, and the press misled its readers by reprinting the unmitigated bias of The Washington Post and The Christian Science Monitor.

Not suprisingly, anti-semitic overtones crept into the news coverage. The dean of the Anglican cathedral in Perth [a city closer to Singapore than to Sydney in eastern Australia] spoke of Israeli policies as the reflection of the "genocidal God of the Old Testament," and the Australian Council of Churches appeared to hold every Jew of the Diaspora responsible for the murders in the refugee camps.

Such sentiments hit the Jewish community hard, for anti-semitism had been far less public than in other Western countries. The experiences of Toronto and Montreal Jews in the 1930s and 40s were absent in Australia, whose first native-born Governor-General was a Jew, Sir Isaac Isassacs; whose major war hero is John Monash, commanding general of Australia's forces in World War I; and whose immediate past Governor-General is also a Jew.

The low profile community had led a very good life; it is strongly Zionist in outlook and generous in its (non-deductible) support of Israel. The day school movement is stronger than it is in Canada; in Melbourne over 60% of all Jewish children attend full time Jewish schools.

Recent immigration from southeast Asia and from southern Europe has altered the structure of this formerly all-white and homogeneous strongly British oriented country. Multiculturalism is a relatively new concept and except for recent land demands by Aboriginals, ethnic tensions are still at a low ebb.

People everywhere are immensely hospitable, they love their sports and feel that their land, which is a continent of striking beauty and immense resources, with relatively few inhabitants to enjoy its wealth, is the luckiest under the sun.

Most Jews, an amalgam of immigrants from all over the world, will happily agree. Distance from other Jews is their major problem, and this isolation has bred a lamentable spirit of intra-communal rivalries. But there is no shortfall in their concern for their people . . . and in this they are closely linked to their fellow Jews in far away Canada.

Prize to be given for best prose, drama

MONTREAL —

The J. I. Segal Fund for Jewish Culture of the Jewish Public Library in Montreal invites Canadian writers living in Canada and those temporarily residing abroad, who write in English or French on Jewish themes, to submit their work published in 1981-1982.

A prize of $1,000 will be awarded for the best work in prose, poetry or drama.

For technical reasons, the library was not able to consider the 1981 entries. These will be included with the 1982 submissions.

Authors are requested to submit two copies of their work not later than March 15.

Send submission to: Jewish Public Library, Att. J. I. Segal Fund, 5151 Cote Sainte Catherine Rd., Montreal, Que. H3W 1M6.

Israel caught in the middle...

Druze, Christians battle in the Shouf

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The Shouf mountains resounded to the sound of gun and artillery fire once again this week as Druze and Christian Lebanese fought the latest bloody instalment of a sectarian conflict which dates back to the 19th century.

Caught in the middle of the violence was the Israeli army, which has occupied the region, southeast of Beirut, since the June action.

The fighting, which is at its most intense in the town of Aley, pits Maronite Christians against the Druze clan led by Walid Jumblatt, who barely escaped an assassination attempt earlier this month.

Winter sets in on Israeli soldiers in Lebanon's Shouf mountains. [IPPA photo]

Approximately 150 Christians and Druze have been killed and some 350 wounded in the battles, perceived by observers as a microcosm of the troubles which wrack Lebanon.

The Israeli army, which is deployed in strength in the Shouf, finds itself in a very delicate and uncomfortable position because neither the Druze or the Christians are unfriendly to Israel. The Israelis have arranged ceasefire, manned checkpoints, searched vehicles and treated the fallen.

For all their trouble, the Israelis have been assailed by all sides.

Amin Gemayel, the Lebanese president, has appealed to the U.S. to pressure Israel to withdraw from the Shouf. Shafik Wazzan, the prime minister, has accused Israel of "instigating" old blood feuds.

By all accounts, the Israeli government wants the Lebanese army to police the Shouf. But the Lebanese authorities refuse to do so until Israel pulls out of the area. Israel is not likely to withdraw unless there is movement toward a political settlement of the Lebanese situation. At present, there is none.

In other words, an impasse looms.

Israeli Druze, who are generally highly regarded in Israel, have entered the fray, having asked the Begin government to stop arming Christian militias in Lebanon.

Backing up their words with deeds, the Druze have staged demonstrations outside the Knesset and the Prime Minister's office.

They have been assured by the Israelis that the army will do all it can to put and end to the fighting.

Even Lebanese Druze have made direct representations to the Israeli government. Recently, a delegation visited Amal Nasser e-Din, a Druze member of the Knesset, and asked him to use his influence on their behalf.

To observers, their request was somewhat strange, given the history of relations between Israel and the Druze loyal to Walid Jumblatt.

During the 1975-76 civil war in Lebanon, the Jumblatt Druze sided with the Palestinians. The Druze who owe their loyalty to the Arslan family did not. After the Israeli invasion, the Jumblatt Druze remained neutral but refrained from establishing formal ties with the Israelis, or their co-religionists in Israel. The Arslans were not so reluctant.

Israel has adopted a sympathetic attitude toward all Druze, the Jumblatts included, because of domestic considerations and because it cannot afford to alienate them. In doing so, Israel has apparently offended the Maronite Christians.

This balancing act, which is so typically Lebanese, has not impressed the Labor Party in Israel.

The party, which supported the invasion, has called on Prime Minister Menachem Begin to cease "functioning as the policeman of the Shouf mountains." Labor contends that the battles there have no bearing on Israel's security. [No Israeli troops have died in the crossfire but several have been wounded].

Critics of Operation Peace for Galilee argue that Israel's involvement in the Shouf is symbolic of the morass in which it now finds itself in Lebanon.

The dispute, which flared up several months ago, was triggered by the return of Christians to mixed Christian-Druze villages and towns they had abandoned during the civil war. In their absence, Druze took over their homes and/or land. When the Christians reclaimed their property violence was the result.

But this issue, serious as it is, is symptomatic of a deeper malaise.

A people practicing a secretive religion which is an offshoot of Shiite Islam, the Druze form less than 10% of Lebanon's population, and are dispersed throughout the Middle East.

According to historian Don Peretz, an American specialist on the Middle East, the animosity between Druze and Christians has its roots in the tortured confessional policies of Lebanon.

In the 19th century, the Maronites aligned themselves with France, while the Druze formed an entente with Britain, both of which sought to extend their influence in the Fertile Crescent. In their bid for supremacy, France and Britain exacerbated tensions that had already arisen over power sharing and land taxes.

The Ottoman Turks, who officially ruled what is now Lebanon, had no use for either Druze or Christian Maronites, so they fanned the communal fires. It is believed that the Ottomans encouraged the Druze to slaughter about 14,000 Maronites in 1860 — an incident which has not been forgotten by the Christians.

This pogrom, combined with the contemporary problems which poison their relationship, has left a bitter legacy in the Shouf.

Israel's chief of staff, Gen. Rafael Eitan, claims that Druze and Christian leaders wish to maintain peace but cannot because they lack sufficent control over their followers.

Eitan's observation seems to suggest that the conflict in the Shouf is more intractable than some analysts think. It is certainly a challenge to the Lebanese state, for if Amin Gemayel fails to cap the fighting, his credibility is bound to suffer.

What's in future? astrologers know

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

If the answers are to be found in the stars, surely all bone fide astrologers should come up with the same predictions. But to judge from the wide range of political, economic and military forecasts, it appears that Israel's astrologers are each using a different set of stars. The public is apt to become confused, not knowing which of the soothsayers can be relied upon.

This reporter provides the service required.

Twelve months ago, when the clairvoyants and crystal gazers were revealing their predictions for 1982, dire or auspicious, we carefully collected their words of wisdom, saved them, and last week took them out to compare the predictions made in 1981 with the realities of the 1982 we already know so well. Alas, few of them did well.

One of Israel's leading astrologers, **Ilan Pecker**, foresaw war for Israel — but against Jordan or Syria. He was convinced that Hussein would fall. The country would experience the worst financial crisis in its history, and at least one bank would collapse.

Extending his vision overseas, Pecker predicted that Russia would invade Iran and a Balkan state; both Reagan and Mubarak would be in danger.

To his credit, he foresaw a sharp confrontation between the U.S. and Israel which would even endanger American economic aid to Israel. The domestic stock market would soar (it certainly has); 1982 would be a year of huge demonstrations, and of many strikes which would tie up industry.

On one event he was almost pinpoint perfect: Nov. 8, he said, would be a dangerous day. As a matter of fact, the catastrophic blast in Tyre, in which 90 lives were lost, took place on Nov. 11.

Another highly popular astrologer is Herzl Lipshitz, but he had a bad year indeed. According to him, during 1982 the Sinai withdrawal would not be completed; Israel would enter a golden era, and its name and reputation in the world would be enhanced; Ezer Weizman would make a political comeback and drop out of sight again; Syrian President Hafez Assad, Jordan's King Hussein and Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini would all be out of office, for one reason or another in 1982.

Lipshitz did predict that Russia's Leonid Brezhnev would disappear, and that there would be fighting along Israel's northeastern front this year.

One of the cabinet members was rash enough to try his hand at the forecasting business. Finance Minister **Yoram Aridor** declared that in 1982 exports would grow by 15% (they dropped instead), and that inflation would be kept to 90% (it rose to 135% instead).

Ruth Eli prophesied that in the latter part of the year there would be some dramatic event which would restore Israel's confidence, rebuild morals and national morality. Well, as of this writing, there is still a short time to go before December 31.

Perhaps the best record was turned in by star-gazer **Miriam Spector**, though she was not perfect. She foretold isolation of Israel in the world, with some of the country's best friends criticizing it. Anti-Israel hostility would be widespread, and our good name would suffer.

At home there would be galloping inflation and a real bull market on the stock exchange. Terrorist activity would continue, but she saw no war until 1984.

Two years ago, our records show, she asserted that the Moslem revolution in Iran would succeed; that Israel's inflation would continue; that Peres had no political chances — and whoever would be elected President of the United States would be assassinated in office. (They tried!)

On the other hand, last year she predicted that Shimon Peres would become Prime Minister.

Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: Recent reports from Israel indicate that an aged rabbinical authority was told that if he remained a widower he could not retain his post. Must an old widower marry?

Judaism knows no other way to completion than through marriage. In consequence, even an aged widower is expected to marry. There were sages who tried to live out the closing years of their lives as single men. But, subtle pressures exerted upon them convinced them to conform.

Rabbi Burak

In volume 5, page 5A of Zohar Chais, the elaborate commentary on the Zohar, we are told that Kozshinitzer Maggid was a widower aged 70 years who had no interest in marrying again. But, through others, a message came to him from his revered master the Chozeh of Lublin, saying that "in the High Holy Days just passed, and on every other day, his prayers did not ascend as they should. The prayers were not light, or bright, but completely black. He was to be told, in the name of the Chozeh, that he must marry at once." And he did.

Sometimes the children were far from pleased when such marriages took place. In Braver's Pe'er Yitzhak, a biography of Rabbi Yitzhak Isaac z. l. of Zidichoiv, we have an interesting note on this matter.

It seems that when the sage, Reb Chaim Halberstam z. l. was in his old age, his wife died. Reb Chaim decided that he would wed again. His son, Reb Baruch z. l. was far from pleased, and suggested to his father that it would be nice if he would emulate the ways of the Rebbe of Zidichoiv. That rebbe refused to remarry and said: "The Torah is my wife." Said the saintly Reb Chaim to his son: "That being so, the Torah is already married to the sage of Zidichoiv, and can't be married to me."

All of this may explain the pressures recently brought to bear on the Rosh Beth Din of the 'Eda ha-Haredis of Jerusalem. Though the man is 80 years old, his people insisted that if he remained a widower, he could not be their Rosh Beth Din. But, whether at his age he should have married a young woman of 27 years is another matter. At first glance, it seems incorrect.

The Talmud, in Tractate Yevamos, 44A, tells us of the advice the elders gave in a case of levirate marriage: "If he, for instance, was young and she old, or if he was old and she was young, he is told: What would you with a young women? or, What would you with an old woman? Go to one who is your age and create not strife in the house."

But, if we have already entered the Messianic period, then all is well. In the Messianic age, a centarian of 100 years of age will be considered a mere stripling.

The voice of trade unionists

CLC repudiates resolution by OFL

By
FRANK RASKY

OTTAWA —
The top policy body of the Canadian Labor Congress (CLC) last week condemned the PLO as a terrorist group and renounced the Ontario Federation of Labor's endorsement of it as "the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

By a vote of 22 to 3, the executive council of the congress, which represents 2,200,000 trade unionists across Canada, repudiated a resolution endorsing the PLO passed by 55% of the delegates attending the recent convention of the OFL, which represents 800,000 Ontario unionists (CJN, Dec. 2).

Instead, the council endorsed a policy statement issued last July by CLC president Dennis McDermott. In it he condemned "the PLO terrorist opposition to Israel" for being the "major impediment in the way of the creation of a Palestinian homeland."

McDermott, a strong supporter of Israel and its Histadrut labor federation, also declared in his statement that the PLO's major legacy in Lebanon had been the 1975-1976 civil war in which 60,000 people were killed.

OFL president Clifford Pilkey, also an ardent supporter of Israel and its Histadrut, abstained from participating in the council's vote which rejected his own organization's resolution.

Those on the council who voted against McDermott's policy statement on the PLO included Jean-Claude Parrot, president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, and David Patterson, Ontario director of the United Steelworkers of America.

Mark Resnick, national director of the Canada-Israel Committee, which represents Jewish organizations across Canada, welcomed the CLC's statement.

"It's gratifying that the CLC leadership has seen fit to reaffirm its support for a long-standing friend of the labor movement in Canada," he told The CJN. "It emphasizes that the original Ontario resolution did not reflect the attitude of the general labor movement across Canada, which has had a long and friendly relationship with Israel."

CJC is expecting 1,400 at Plenary Assembly

MONTREAL —
Registration forms for the 1983 Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly will be in the mail by the middle of January, The CJN has been advised. Forms will be sent to every Jewish agency and organization in Canada.

About 1,400 delegates are expected to attend the 4-day convention to be held from May 12-15 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal.

Plenary sessions and workshops will cover a broad range of issues at the triennial assembly, which will be devoted to the theme The Jewish Condition in a Changing World.

The convention will begin on Thursday May 12 with registration at 8.30 a.m., followed by an opening session on The Canadian Jewish Agenda. Alan Rose, CJC executive vice-president, will address this meeting.

A session on Quebec and Canada will take place later that morning, and organizers are hoping for participation by a Quebec cabinet minister. This session will mark the first time this issue will be dealt with in depth at a Congress national plenary.

After lunch, Canada-Israel relations will dominate the early part of the afternoon, followed by open forums on Yiddish, education, the Holocaust and disarmament. The evening will feature a human rights session and a cocktail reception.

On Friday morning there will be open forums and workshops on various issues including world Jewry, social advocacy and small communities. A plenary session on Soviet Jewry will follow before a lunch time demonstration takes place outside the Soviet consulate.

The afternoon plenary and subsequent workshops will deal with community relations. A Shabbat dinner and Oneg Shabbat will conclude the day.

Prayer services will be held Saturday morning with shalos seudot in the afternoon. Open forums oriented towards youth will also take place during the day, before the plenary's highlight session on Israel and the Diaspora; in the evening, Edgar Bronfman, World Jewish Congress president, is expected to address this meeting.

Organizers have invited leading officials from all three federal parties to the Sunday morning session which will deal with Canadian political affairs.

The election of Congress' new officers will take place at the closing session of the conference, immediately following the passage of resolutions. All resolutions taken at the conference are considered binding on Congress, and will become part of its official policy.

Although the convention is more than five months away, the plenary committee under the direction of chairmen Marilyn Blumer and Dorothy Reitman has been active for weeks working out the many details. According to Blumer, about 75 volunteers are involved, the largest volunteer group Congress has ever had for a plenary session.

Registration fees will be $45 prior to April 15, and $50 after that date. Students and senior citizens will be charged $25.

Swiss president friend of Israel; opposes PLO ties

GENEVA [JTA] —
Former Foreign Minister Pierre Auber, who was just elected president of Switzerland, believes that his country can play an active role in the search for a peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict.

Auber, who was elected to a 1-year term by the 7-member Federal Council, served for many years as president of the Swiss-Israel Friendship Association.

He resigned that position when he was named foreign minister in 1978. His election to the Presidency of the Swiss Confederation was strongly opposed by pro-Arab elements who feared he would favor Israel. But their lobbying efforts against his nomination failed.

Auber, the son of a pastor, visited Israel several times and makes no secret of his sympathy for the Jewish state. As foreign minister he opposed the opening of a PLO office in Berne and refused to receive PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Philosopher Franz Rosenzweig was born Dec. 25, 1886. His writings helped spark a revival of Judaism in inter-war Germany and have continued to influence modern Jewish thought since.

The son of a cultured assimilated German family, Rosenzweig came to explore Christianity in a search for religious values. Several of his young friends and relatives converted. In 1912, a recently converted cousin, Eugen Rosenstock-Huessi, challenged him to defend his nominal Jewishness. After lengthy debate, Rosenzweig capitulated.

In a personal farewell, he attended Yom Kippur services in a small Orthodox synagogue in Berlin, in 1913. The experience shook him to the core; he emerged with a profound zeal for the religion of his birth.

The outbreak of World War I found Rosenzweig on the eastern front, plunged into the world of Polish Jews. He saw their all-encompassing observance as Judaism's authentic expression, a benchmark for fragmented Western communities. The mitzvot were personal commandments enabling the Jew to live a meaningful and valuable existence.

A continuous process of redemption

Rosenzweig began articulating his newfound philosophy in the postcards he sent back home. In his major work, the Star of Redemption, he argued:

- The three basic elements of the world — man, the universe and God — were always interacting in the continuous process of creation, revelation and redemption.
- The comandments were a vehicle of the love between man and God, as well as of revelation; their practice greatly enhances all relationships.
- Jews, in their religious calendar and liturgy, already possess the cyclical all-embracing religion that Christianity at its best tries to approach.
- The absolute truth that "in the end of days" will supercede all current knowledge, and will still be largely based on the teachings of Sinai.

Rosenzweig founded an institution of adult Jewish education in Frankfort-on-the-Main. Instructors at his Free Jewish House of Learning included Martin Buber, Erich Fromm, Gershon Scholem, Nachum Glatzer and Orthodox Rabbi N. Nobel — Germany's top young scholars destined for their own illustrious careers. In many cases, both students and instructors were learning their Judaism at the same time.

In 1921, Rosenzweig was afflicted with progressive paralysis. Undeterred by the loss of mobility and speech, he continued with his intellectual activities, halachic studies and increasing Jewish observance.

During this time, he translated Hebrew poetry into German, adding his own commentaries. He and Buber embarked on the translation of the Bible, reaching the Book of Isaiah at Rosenzweig's death in 1929. Buber completed the project in Israel about 25 years later.

Rosenzweig remained ambivalent about Zionism; he favored all efforts at extrication from European culture, but held that Jewish redemption would come about only at the dissolution of exile and alienation in the end of days.

The institute's instructors established lecture circuits across Germany. With the increasing persecution of Germany's Jews by the Nazis, the institute provided guidance and education to the many seeking refuge and understanding in their own traditions.

After World War II, his disciples carried his viewpoint in their teachings to universities in the U.S. and Israel.

In a Western world that remains largely assimilated, Rosenzweig remains a modern Moses figure, returning to embrace his own roots and passionately teach fellow Jews to do the same.

Law of the Seas Convention...

Israel declines to sign agreement

By
GAYE APPLEBAUM

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica —

Although 119 nations signed a historic Law of the Seas Convention here recently, Israel and 22 other states (including the U.S., Peru, West Germany and Venezuela) declined to sign because they felt some of the provisions clash with national interests.

The Convention provides a set of rules for the use, exploitation and protection of the oceans of the world. Canada has signed.

"Israel's interests on the sea are complex," Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne told the 700 delegates on the third day of the week-long signing session. While Israel could agree with sections of the Convention dealing with fisheries and environmental regulations, its main area of concern is in the provision of guarantees for freedom of navigation and overflight through narrow straits.

"The main thrust of the Convention is towards the world's great oceans," Rosenne said. "The Convention does not make particular arrangements for semi-enclosed or narrow seas, like the Mediterranean and Red Sea, on which Israel's two coasts lie."

Following his address Rosenne elaborated: "The Gulf of Aqaba and the Straits of Tiran are a very narrow body of water. The peace treaty with Egypt is Israel's only guarantee of safe passage through and over the strait."

Israel must remain strictly within the narrowest confines of Egyptian territorial waters and Egyptian airspace. If a ship or plane veers off course by as much as five miles it is in Jordanian or Saudi Arabian territory and its very passage is threatened, he said.

The Convention "would seem to require adjustments both conceptually and textually before it can be fully applied in other oceanic formations," Rosenne said. "The distortions in the Convention remain a source of great difficulty for us," he added.

Rosenne said that certain stipulations introduced into Part III of the text have a limiting effect on the users of specific straits and directly affect Israel's right to free passage through the Red Sea.

He believes these "regressive elements" were introduced "in the interests of political opportunism" at the insistence of the large Arab-backed majority at the United Nations.

"My delegation maintains the view that a single legal regime applies to passage through and overflight over all such straits, except where a different regime is prescribed by treaty," he said.

Israel and the other nations opposed to the Convention have two years to opt into the treaty. Israel will now examine each of the Convention's 320 articles and nine annexes to see what the implications are for the country in the future.

"It will depend, quite frankly, on what will happen in the Mediterranean," Rosenne said. "We want to see what we'll do with our neighbors before we commit ourselves to the Convention."

Asked whether he foresaw Israel's eventual acceptance of the Convention, Rosenne replied: "That is a completely open question. We have not yet completed our detailed examination of its text."

He said that Israel would be more ready to sign the document if it eventually acquired safe passage guarantees from both Jordan and Saudi Arabia in the form of a treaty or treaties with both neighboring states.

Rosenne admitted that he was "surprised" by the large vote of acceptance. Conference Chairman Tommy Koh of Singapore had cautiously predicted that 80 countries would sign the Convention when the signing session opened. Fifty signatures were needed for passage. The large number went beyond anyone's expectations.

Rosenne, recognized as Israel's most knowledgeable maritime law authority, has been Israel's representative at the Law of the Sea negotiations since the third session was opened in Venezuala in 1974.

He predicted the test for the Convention will come in the time taken by each country to ratify the document. The Convention can only come into force one year after 60 countries have officially ratified. "This could actually take several years," Rosenne said. It could be a lengthy process as parliamentarians and civil servants examine the provisions in the document, he said.

Passage of the Convention means that work can now begin on the Preparatory Commission (Prepcom) which will set up the complex organization to be known as the International Sea Bed Authority. The Sea Bed organization, to be located in Jamaica, is not likely to be a physical reality before 1987 at the earliest.

Israel did take part in the signing of the Final Act which summarizes the negotiation process.

When the Final Act was adopted in September Israel had expressed its objections to the inclusion of "a certain group purporting to be a national liberation movement being granted any rights whatsoever under the Convention or Resolution 14." The Israeli delegation felt it could sign the Final Act once it reviewed all the proceedings of the Conference on the matter.

Rosenne's signature was accompanied by the statement: "This signature in no way implies recognition in any manner whatsoever of the group calling itself the PLO or of any rights whatsoever conferred upon it."

The PLO, one of 10 non-state participants (the 10 are all territories or liberation movements) signed both the Final Act and the Convention. The Final Act was signed by all countries, except Turkey.

Following Ambassador Rosenne's address, the PLO, not part of the official speakers' list, requested and received permission to address the delegates. The Geneva-based representative of the PLO, Doud Barakat, delivered a brief, emotional condemnation of Israel and the events in Lebanon. Few delegates appeared to listen.

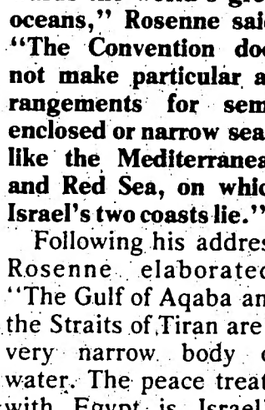
Petition for Refuseniks

TORONTO —

The Canadian government was urged recently to protest to the Soviet Union its denial of human rights to 19 Russian refuseniks.

Maxine Blendis, national director of the Soviet Jewry program of B'nai B'rith Canada, sent the message to External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen on Dec. 10, which the United Nations decreed as Human Rights Day, marking the 33rd anniversary of its Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Her message listed names of 19 Jewish dissidents who have been refused visas in their attempts to leave the Soviet Union.



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A tale worth telling

The Scott Mission and the Jews in Toronto

By
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Every year, during the Christmas - New Year season, the Scott Mission on Spadina, once the heart of the Toronto Jewish community, becomes the object of media attention. When that happens my memory goes back to the time when that Christian mission maintained a certain hard-to-define relationship with Toronto's Jews. There was neither peace nor war between the Jewish residents of the neighborhood and the Scott Mission was in the middle. The attitude of the Jews was a wary one.

J. B. Salsberg

It was all due to the late Rev. Morris Zeidman, a Polish Jew from the city of Chenstochova, who, it was said, converted to Christianity in England, who had hundreds of landsleit in Toronto and who spoke an excellent Yiddish. He did, of course, create problems for the Chenstochover Society from time to time. But about that a bit later in this tale.

For the moment let me acquaint you with some background material.

The early Jewish community in these parts was never really free of Christian missions that sought to proselytize Jews. But they were rather primitive, crude and provocative in their methods. The worse example of that type was a certain "Singer the Meshumed" (the apostate) who operated a small mission on Centre Ave., an area filled with Jewish immigrants when I was a young lad, before World War I.

Singer enticed Jewish kids by giving them candy, but only inside the mission, and he would deliver bombastic, proselytizing speeches at the corner of Centre Ave. and Dundas St. (then known as Agnes St.). His open air meetings usually ended in boisterous confrontation. It is doubtful whether the like of Singer met with much success.

As for the Scott Mission, it was located in an impressive 3-storey brick building on Elizabeth St. on the corner of Gerrard. That mission seemed to have had no special urge to proselytize Jews. I recall that it operated a free medical dispensary that many immigrants used, but that's where the relationship ended.

How the young Jew from Chenstochov, who was ordained in an English missionary school, came to reach the directorship of the old Scott Mission in Toronto I never knew nor was I ever much concerned with the Rev. Morris Zeidman's progress. Never ... until the said mission left its old location and moved to Spadina, just north of College.

At that juncture both the Scott Mission and, more important, its director, the Rev. Morris Zeidman of Chenstochov, did become a matter of concern to many Jews and a cause of embarrassment to me and a lot of other Jews. To me, because my aldermanic and, later, legislative office was on College St., a few doors from Spadina, where Zeidman's mission located itself.

The late Sam Lapides, a prominent personality in the Jewish Left of that day and a respected union leader, told me of Zeidman's past. Lapides attended the same cheder (Jewish elementary school) in Chenstochov with Zeidman and knew him well. So did many of the Chenstochover landsleit in Toronto, and that's where the eventual crisis stemmed from. (But, again, about this later in this tale.)

Zeidman's Scott Mission first occupied a single, spacious house on Spadina. It was said that it contained a small chapel for services but the mission made no special appeal to the Jews in the neighborhood.

It became known as a charity centre. The Mission opened a soup kitchen for the hungry homeless and it also gave food parcels to poor families in the neighborhood.

Hard-to-define relationship

Since the Jewish community took care of its own needy it is doubtful whether any of our people turned to the Mission for help, though it was rumored that while some may have applied for parcels none joined the soup line.

In short, the Scott Mission that became known throughout the country helped the destitute but it made no effort to impinge on the Jewish community.

The Rev. Zeidman, who seemed to have full control of the institution, acquired a number of adjoining properties and reconstructed them into the impressive structure of today, and it is administered by the late Rev. Morris' son, Rev. Alex Zeidman, and the Zeidman family.

In addition to the daily soup kitchen the Scott Mission derives much publicity from the special Christmas, New Year, Easter and Thanksgiving dinners it provides to transients.

Since this odd Christian Mission in the midst of Jews didn't carry on any overt proselytizing activities there developed an uneasy truce between Zeidman and the many Jews who knew him and with whom he was eager to retain some form of contact.

The main group to whom Zeidman was a serious embarrassment was, of course, the Chenstochover Society with which Zeidman was eager to maintain contact on a personal basis. How our good brethren of the Toronto Chenstochover Society reached a crisis in that relationship is really the heart of the tale I am trying to unfold. But I, too, had moments of embarrassment with the said Rev. Morris Zeidman.

As a public person I was, of course, known to practically everyone in the community whose vibrant heart was located in the Spadina-College intersection. So, there was Zeidman, north of College St. on Spadina Ave. and there was I, whose constituency office was on College St. just west of Spadina and our path did cross from time to time.

What was I to do on such occasions — reject his friendly approaches? And, then again, what might people say when they found me speaking with Zeidman in a zaftik Yiddish in public?

We are now, dear readers, approaching the astonishing crisis that constitutes the dramatic climax of this bizarre tale. So don't lose your eagerness. It will be told in full next week.

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Editorial

Post mirror of society

Those of us who follow Israeli affairs closely are familiar with The Jerusalem Post, which marks its 50th anniversary this year. The Post, which came into being when Israel was Palestine, remains a useful source of information not only in Israel but abroad through its weekly international edition.

Despite its relatively small circulation (29,000 on weekdays and 40,000 on weekends), The Post exerts an influence disproportionate to its size. Israelis struggling with Hebrew read it. Tourists read it. Diplomats read it. And, of course, Jews around the world read it.

They all read The Post because it is usually a reliable guide to trends and developments — a mirror on Israeli society.

With the exception of a handful of foreign newspapers, press coverage of Israel is invariably incomplete and rather superficial, particularly in Canada. It is a sad commentary on Canadian journalism that not a single newspaper has a full time reporter stationed in Israel, not to speak of the Middle East. So a reader who hungers for consistently good reportage about Israel must by necessity turn to The Post.

Fortunately, The Post is equipped to do the job. There was a time not so long ago when, in terms of comprehensive reporting, The Post was less than equal to the task. In recent years, however, The Post has improved markedly. The writing is better but, more important, the coverage is superior.

David Landau and Benny Morris are fine diplomatic reporters, and Hirsh Goodman is a first-rate military affairs writer. Wolf Blitzer, the correspondent in Washington, is on top of the news. Yaacov Kirschen's Dry Bones cartoon feature is timely and pungent.

A credible newspaper must speak with a consistent, reasonable voice, and The Post has not failed to do that. Post editorials are of a consistently high quality, displaying erudition and wisdom. The policies of the present Israeli government have not been hailed by the editorial writers, but The Post has not been reluctant to chide the Labor Party to which it is sympathetic.

The Post is not a perfect newspaper, but we have not come across one as yet. The Post does not please all of the people all of the time . . . but who can?

Like a mirror, The Post reflects a country, warts and all. The image may not always be pleasant, but this is the price one pays in a democracy committed to freedom of expression.

Indifference appalling

Israel is conducting a judicial inquiry into the events surrounding the Sept. 16-18 Beirut massacre because the Israeli people demanded such a tribunal. If heads roll, so be it.

Lebanon will have no truck with an official commission, although Christian forces close to the present government carried out the crimes.

The insensitivity of its indifference is appalling.

Where are the cries of outrage now?

Conditions right for negotiations

U.S. presses Israel to accept peace plan

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Ronald Reagan's Sept. 1 peace plan has run into trouble, but the President seems confident enough of its eventual success.

His proposals envisage a form of Palestinian self-determination in association with Jordan and call for a moratorium on Israeli settlement activity on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

Israel has rejected them and so have most Arab states with the exception of Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and perhaps Saudi Arabia. The PLO has denounced them. Yet Reagan, though disappointed by the response so far, has not succumbed to gloom.

As far as he is concerned, the plan is still on track, criticism notwithstanding.

Philip Habib, his special Middle East envoy, has begun a round of trips to the area, using his office and his considerable powers of persuasion to convince everyone who counts that Reagan's proposals are still valid and viable.

Habib's progress has been slowed by his intimate involvement in current talks designed to remove all foreign forces — Israeli, Syrian and PLO — from Lebanon. But the veteran diplomat of Lebanese descent has not been deterred by that very real obstacle.

Like Henry Kissinger, the former secretary of state, Reagan and Habib are of the opinion that objective conditions for fruitful negotiations are better than they have been since the 1973 Yom Kippur War — which triggered the daring diplomacy of Anwar Sadat.

The PLO has been weakened by its military defeat in Lebanon and must therefore seriously consider a compromise solution. Israel has bolstered its security but has inadvertently, highlighted the centrality of the Palestinian question. Jordan, for the first time in years, has been thrust into the peacemaking equation. The Arabs have learned, perhaps conclusively, that it is counter-productive to wage one war after another against Israel.

Within Israel, the Labor Party has mounted a campaign to support its viewpoint that territorial partition is preferable to endless confrontation with the Arab world.

Mindful of these perceptions, the Reagan administration is pursuing its peace plan. Later this month, Reagan is scheduled to meet King Hussein and, early in the new year, he and Menachem Begin are due to discuss the situation.

These talks may well spell the difference between success and failure, since the U.S. plan hinges on their acquiescence.

In recent weeks, the Jordanian monarch has conducted a series of crucial negotiations with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, whose umbrella organization has denounced but not rejected Reagan's ideas. Furthermore, King Hussein has urged Arafat to recognize Israel. Arafat will apparently not do so until the formation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin [right] with U.S. diplomat Philip Habib [Zoom 77 photo]

The king's willingness to come to terms with Israel has struck a positive chord in the Labor Party, which has been in opposition for the past five years.

Recently, the party hailed Hussein for his realistic approach and chided the Israeli government for "completely ignoring the important political developments around us."

The party's leader, Shimon Peres, is convinced that Hussein's sentiments parallel those of Anwar Sadat when he addressed the Knesset on Nov. 20, 1977. And he is confident that the majority of Palestinian leaders on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip are ready to give the Jordanian option (Labor's formula for peace which coincides with Reagan's) a chance to succeed.

In an effort to exert pressure on Begin, the Labor Party has criticized his settlement policy as liable to "torpedo any prospect of progress toward peace, worsen Israel's standing in the world and undermine Israel's relations with the United States."

Labor Party raps Begin

The Reagan administration, aware it has an ally in the Labor Party, is heartened by these statements.

But its peace proposals could blow up if Begin does not co-operate.

The Israeli Prime Minister is expected to try to sidetrack them, and push for a resumption of the autonomy talks, which have been in a state of abeyance for more than a year.

Reagan will reportedly tell him that the U.S. plan is not incompatible with Camp David's vision of Palestinian autonomy and should be explored.

The President's prestige will be on the line when he confers with Begin, who will probably reiterate his claim to the West Bank. Observers think that Reagan will press Begin hard because his abandonment of the Sept. 1 plan would destroy his credibility as a mediator.

Reagan's principal foreign policy advisors, Secretary of State George Shultz, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and national security advisor William Clark are said to have told him that he will have to accept a tougher policy toward Israel if Begin declines to co-operate.

Clark and Shultz have already sent out signals to Begin.

Speaking in San Diego, Clark posed the question as to how Israel's security could best be assured. "Is it by maintaining control over territory, with the virtually certain expectation of a war every two years? Or, is your security not better served by reaching a political accommodation with your neighbors?"

Shultz, who is not as favorably disposed to Israel as Alexander Haig, his predecessor, declared that if King Hussein voices "a willingness to sit down and negotiate with Israel, it will be difficult for any government of Israel to say no. And I'm quite certain that it wouldn't say that."

Although Shultz has said he has not linked the continued supply of aid to Israel with the halting of new settlements on the West Bank, he has made it clear that they are "most unwelcome" and could cause the peace process to falter.

According to columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, Shultz has discovered that U.S. aid may be subsidizing an Israeli settlement policy which he opposes.

Two weeks ago, Shultz said he would not support a Senate committee recommendation to give Israel $475 million more in aid than Reagan actually requested. To say that this constitutes a form of U.S. pressure on Israel would be to understate the case.

This looming confrontation pitting Israel against the U.S. is reflected in an editorial published by The Christian Science Monitor: "If Israel stands by its right to pursue policies it deems in Israel's interests, the U.S. has no less right to act in its own best interests."

The paper added: "At the least, it should not go on subsidizing the Jewish colonization of land which has been lived on for centuries by others, which international law says belongs to the Palestinian Arabs, and ultimate political disposition of which is now the subject of intense diplomacy."

Further pressing Israel, Shultz has criticized two Israeli measures which were applied on the West Bank.

First, he described as "totally unnecessary" a requirement for foreign teachers to sign an oath disavowing the PLO. Obviously, the state department has not ruled out the PLO as a future negotiating partner.

Second, Shultz said he was not particularly pleased by a directive whose objective was to neutralize pro-Jordanian Palestinians and, by definition, Reagan's plan.

Shultz's pressure has been partly successful. Israel modified the measure applicable to the teachers and rescinded the edict aimed at Hashemite-oriented Palestinians. Yet Israel had its way, too, announcing plans to settle 400,000 Jews on the West Bank by 1987.

Criticizes policies

Israeli policies certainly pose a problem for U.S. diplomacy, but so do Arab ones.

As evident by the Fez declaration, the Arabs, as a bloc, have not yet reconciled themselves to extending explicit recognition of Israel. When Morocco's King Hussein led an Arab League delegation to Washington in September, he spoke of "co-existence" rather than of true, peaceful relations with Israel.

And the Arabs aren't psychologically ready to negotiate directly with Israel. Last, but not least, the PLO hasn't dropped its unrealistic and unattainable objectives.

TheAmericans want to change Arab and Israeli attitudes, and this is a tall order. Washington, naively or not, believes it can be filled if the old shibboleths can be overcome.

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"Medical records ... often chaotic," claims doctor

Geriatrician presses for computerized record-keeping

TORONTO —

Medical technology has advanced rapidly into the computer age, but the way doctors keep medical records on older patients is in the dark ages, says Dr. Cyril Gryfe, one of the few geriatricians in Canada.

"Medical records on older patients are often chaotic," claims Gryfe, who is the medical director of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care in Toronto.

"The implications of such sorry record-keeping are serious because it so adversely affects medical management. Diagnosis of illness in the older person is shockingly bad," he charges.

A dramatic example of what Dr. Gryfe is talking about is a study done on geriatric patients newly admitted to a nursing home in the United States, where 64% of primary illnesses and 84% of secondary illnesses had not even been diagnosed in the referring hospitals — and were inaccurate when they were diagnosed.

"Traditional medical training emphasizes the principle of a single disease process to explain multiple complaints," says Gryfe. "But such an approach is no longer viable in the aging society."

Geriatric patients have a larger number of diseases than younger patients and often require treatment over a much longer period of time, Gryfe says. He points out many older people who are sick remain in hospital for months and years. Some are hospital patients for the rest of their lives.

Gryfe worries that much of a patient's medical information tends to be forgotten by both doctor and patient over the years. Furthermore, he says, conventional hand-written or typewritten notes are difficult to organize and review — primarily because the accumulation of reports is so massive.

Dr. Cyril Gryfe

A large measure of Gryfe's impatience over such a regrettable state of affairs arises because a modern method **does** exist to manage medical information — but it is virtually ignored by the medical profession, he says.

The method is called POMR, an acronym for "problem-oriented medical record." And, according to Gryfe, POMR is the most systematic approach to gathering information on a patient's multiple health problems yet devised.

Baycrest has been using POMR since 1973. Developed in the United States in 1968 by Dr. Lawrence Weed, POMR has yet to find true acceptance within the medical profession, according to Gryfe.

POMR is used in a limited way in rehabilitative medicine at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital and at the Workmen's Compensation Hospital, Downsview. The Health Science Centre of the University of British Columbia also uses POMR in its extended care unit.

Such overall professional reluctance to try POMR begs the question: If POMR is so good, why aren't more in the medical field singing its praises?

Gryfe says professional skepticism arises from a lack of knowledge as well as a natural human resistance to change. He even offers the possibility that doctors might feel threatened by the use of POMR.

"POMR takes the mystique out of diagnosis — the mystery out of medicine," Gryfe asserts.

On the surface, POMR looks simple. Open a patient's record at a nursing station in Baycrest and on the first page, you see a problem list which, at a glance, displays in chronological order all the notable developments in a patient's health care, including individual drugs. Like a good contents page, the problem list refers to more complete information inside.

The POMR system automatically compels the medical practitioner, nurse or doctor, to classify and organize the problems of the patient in an orderly way. This facilitates later access to information about the patient.

The payoffs from such improved access are well worth considering, contends Gryfe. "First, POMR is an invaluable aid to more accurate diagnosis. It can also improve the quality of care, reduce the incidence and duration of hospitalization — and it may also save money, a crucial point in today's tight economy where health costs are soaring all the time."

In his opinion, POMR, especially in its computerized stage, will enable costs to be more accurately estimated for all kinds of treatments, thus improving cost accounting — a highly desirable but elusive goal in the medical field.

An indication of just how effective POMR can be when it is computerized comes from a study undertaken in a California county health unit where $9 million in savings was projected over a 5-year period on an initial investment of $3 million.

Right now, POMR is still in the original handwriting stage at Baycrest. But Gryfe says Baycrest is on the threshold of computer application. Projected costs for computer application are about $2 million for hardware and $750,000 to $1 million for annual opeating costs. Expensive? Yes. But Gryfe insists: "The POMR system should more than pay for itself."

Until such time as POMR is computerized at Baycrest Hospital, Gryfe is both resigned and patient. "In good geriatric medicine, POMR is an essential tool of medical management. Maybe some other areas in medicine can get away without using POMR, but truly effective geriatric medicine cannot. POMR's time is coming."

Anxiety marks woman's life in war-time Israel

By
STACEY L. GREENMAN

The insurance provided by the Jewish Agency for visitors to Israel states clearly at the bottom of the form that it does not cover hijacking, kidnapping, terrorism or acts of war.

Okay. That's fair warning. You take your chances. You don't really expect any of it to happen, anyway.

What no one ever warns of is what to do, and how to react, when one of these situations really occurs. When, for instance, a North American tourist such as myself gets emotionally caught up in the events surrounding Operation Peace for Galilee.

I had been in Israel for more than eight months when the war broke out. Most of my time had been spent on a kibbutz in the upper Galilee. On the night of June 5 a friend and I stood talking in a memorial park in the northern city of Safat. The park overlooks Mount Meron, the highest point in northern Israel, and also the site of the most important military station in the north.

It was on this Shabbat evening, looking out into the darkness, that my friend thought he saw some unusual lights around Meron. He was worried, but I didn't pay much attention. I could not see what his eyes had been trained to notice.

On June 6 Israel moved into Lebanon. On June 7 my friend was called up into his unit on the Golan Heights. It was at this point that my understanding of the Israeli way of life really began . . . and that my feelings as a woman living in Israel were forced into being.

Throughout history war has been a popular subject in literature — from the pressures which compel a young man to join an army, to the difficulties in dealing with inept commanders, or the problems of returning to civilian life. Little, if anything, is written or said about the distress felt by women during the same violent and unstable period.

Nonetheless, the pain exists; the suffering of an Israeli woman during wartime is particularly acute. Not only are her sons gone, but perhaps also her husband, her sons-in-law, her brothers, even her father. All at the same time. This is not the norm in most other nations. Almost the entire male population between the ages of 18 to 55 disappears.

Yet is is not the physical separation which is so difficult for many women to bear as much as the fear of not knowing where loved ones are . . . or if they are still alive.

No family remains untouched by war in Israel; everyone is related to someone in uniform. Thus the black lists, which relate daily casualty figures in the newspapers, are read with dread. The series of shrill beeps which signify the hourly news on radio cause people in the streets to run to hear the latest developments.

But it is a phone call that is hoped for, and feared, the most.

When the war broke out I was in Safat, participating in a work-study program. The phone in the house in which I lived served over 30 people. Every day I would wait for a phone call to hear that my friend was still alive; the non-stop drone of helicopters carrying the wounded to the Safat hospital only made me more afraid.

All my daily activities, every normal routine of living, became a marathon of difficulty for me to perform. Nervous tension overshadowed everything I did.

Finally a phone call would come. Elation. He's still alive. Questions poured forth automatically: "Where are you?" "Are you alright?" "When do you get leave?" "When will it end?" And the unspoken and cowardly thought — "maybe if you could manage to sprain an ankle . . ." Or was that also asked aloud?

The call ends. For about five minutes I would remain calm; after that, worry and anxiety set in anew.

Coupled with these feelings also comes guilt; if my friend is still alive and well, then it is someone else's loved ones who are being transported to the hospital in those helicopters. How can I rejoice when someone's husband or son has just been killed?

Some women are able to cope relatively well with the stresses brought on by war — explaining to 3-year-old children where their daddies are, why they must go away, perhaps holding down a job as well, and just trying to go on with as normal a semblance of life as possible.

Other women don't cope. When the war began one of my teachers, a mother of three, was simply unable to carry on with our lessons. A recent immigrant from the United States, she had not yet learned to deal with the fear. No one blamed her, and I well understood her anxiety and its paralyzing effects.

During the first few weeks of Operation Peace for Galilee I became a volunteer in Safat hospital, wrapping bandages to send to Lebanon. One day I met a young Israeli girl, also a volunteer, whose 19-year-old boy friend was stationed somewhere in the north, or perhaps in Lebanon — she didn't know.

During our conversation it became obvious that she held North Americans in contempt. "What girls my age in your country have to sit and worry if their boy friends will be killed, or lose an arm or leg?" she demanded. "Where else are young girls sitting in a hospital watching wounded boys and men come in every second . . . afraid to look because one of them may be her father?"

I didn't argue, nor challenge the validity of her questions. I felt much the same way as she did at that point. We were both experiencing our first introduction to the realities of life for a woman living in Israel.

Father Dubois heads HU philosophy department

Dominican priest expresses his support

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

When the hysteria of the world press against Israel was at its height, and even Jews were swept along in the irrational lynch mood, at least one Christian voice was heard, clear and firm in its defence of the Jewish State. It was that of Father Marcel Jacques Dubois, a member of the Dominican Order of the Roman Catholic Church, and a resident of Jerusalem.

Fr. Dubois is more than just a resident of this city; he is a citizen of Israel, and when he returns for visits to his native France, he proudly shows his Israel passport upon entry. And when he says "we" in his conversation, it is not always easy to follow if he means we Christians or we Israelis.

We sat and chatted with Fr. Dubois in his office on Mount Scopus, for he is head of the philosophy department of the Hebrew University, elected to that post by his academic colleagues two years ago. During our meeting, the sabra students lined up outside the door, waiting for consultations.

Fr. Dubois was born in 1920. In his youth he had no relations whatever with Jews, but was impressed with Judaism as a result of his theological studies. He was also shocked by what he learned and saw of anti-semitism. Though a philosopher (Ph.D. from the University of Rome), he has not lost contact with daily life and mundane problems.

He is scandalized, he told us, when he sees young Jews going to India seeking spiritual inspiration, when contact with the Divine can be attained through their own faith, which they discard so thoughtlessly.

As an Israeli, he feels close to all the problems of the country, but as a Christian, he looks at Judaism from the outside.

Does he have an answer to the perennial question: What is a Jew?

A Jew can be religious without knowing it, he replied. There is an inherent Jewish way of looking at life which is different. There is even a Jewish way of being an atheist. Even when a Jew denies himself and converts to Christianity, he does so in a uniquely Jewish way. The Jewish destiny pervades even their unconscious, and this applies to all Jews, whether of left or of right.

Fr. Dubois speaks Hebrew fluently; his English is expressed in typical French accent. At church, or at home, he wears clerical garb. Here at the university he is attired in civil dress — in this case, a warm turtleneck sweater.

We talked politics, as well as religion. He seemed uncomfortable at mention of the Pope's reception of Arafat. He hesitated to criticize the Holy See, and suggested that perhaps the Holy Father sought to reach out, even to Arafat, seeking a path to peace and understanding.

On the Vatican's relations with Israel, he ventured an unusual observation: If the Jews had based their claims to the country firmly on Bible and Bible prophecy, he felt that the Vatican might have found it much more difficult to withhold diplomatic recognition.

Since he took to the press to refute some of the wild charges being made against Israel he has gained a large audience in Israel as well.

His attitude toward groups in the country is mixed. On the one hand, he feels closest to the people of Meah Shearim because of their acceptance of the absoluteness of God, to which he also subscribes. Yet he knows that if it were up to them, he would probably be banished from the country. On the other hand, the kibbutzim welcome him with open arms and listen to his lectures, but he feels alien among them because they reject that which is dearest to him.

World-National

U.S. hopes to get them into peace talks

Expelled West Bank mayors treated royally

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —
Expelled West Bank mayors Mohammed Milhem of Halhul and Fawd Kawasme of Hebron were warmly welcomed recently in Washington. The two men, who now reside in Amman, Jordan, were even received personally by Secretary of State George Shultz at the state department.

This marked a dramatic departure from their earlier visits to the U.S. capital when they were welcomed by only lesser officials, such as assistant secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs Nicholas Veliotes. The fact that Shultz was willing to sit down with them — in and of itself — was significant, U.S. officials said. It was a deliberate signal to the Palestinians and the Jordanians that the Reagan administration remains firmly wedded to its Middle East peace initiative as outlined by President Ronald Reagan on national television on Sept. 1.

A critical element in that plan, they said, is the broadening of the peace talks to include moderate Palestinians and Jordanians. And among U.S. officials, both Kawasme and Milhem are widely regarded as moderates.

Even more important, they are seen here in Washington as credible Palestinian leaders who, by having been elected mayors in the 1976 campaigns under the actual supervision of the Israeli military, have the required legitimacy to represent Palestinian interests in any future negotiations.

Among these same U.S. officials, the Israeli-supported Palestinian Village Leagues in Judea and Samaria, headed by Mustafa Dudeen, are ridiculed as virtual Israeli "puppets." According to U.S. officials, these pro-Israel Palestinians have about as much credibility and respect among mainline Palestinians in and out of the territories as the Israeli-backed Major Saad Haddad has among the Lebanese in Beirut.

Without the support of the Israeli army, U.S. officials said, both would be in big trouble.

That may be unfair to Haddad and Dudeen and their Israeli sponsors. But there is no denying that that is the widely-held consensus among the most important U.S. officials. They are not at all reluctant to underline this contention during private conversations.

That also helps to explain why the administration is continuing to reach out to what it describes as credible "non-PLO" Palestinians, such as Kawasme and Milhem. Their involvement in the peace negotiations is essential, U.S. officials said.

Thus, the state department has said that the two mayors are not formal members of the PLO — which, as a legal technicality, may be true. Before their expulsion in May 1980, Israeli officials had also met regularly with the two men. They were ousted because they refused to meet with Israel's civilian administrator on the West Bank, Menachem Milson.

But the distinction between PLO and non-PLO Palestinians — in this very specific case — is certainly not all that apparent, especially after hearing what both of them have to say about the subject.

At a 2-hour luncheon on Nov. 24 sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute, a Washington "think tank," the two mayors made it clear that they support and identify with the PLO. Yes, they said, they had come to Washington from Amman, but via Tunis, where they had spent two solid days reviewing policy with the PLO's chairman, Yasser Arafat, on the eve of their meeting with Shultz and other senior U.S. officials.

In response to questioning, they denied that they were actually carrying any messages to Shultz from Arafat or that they were representing the PLO. But they noted that their very close relationship with the PLO leader is well-known to the state department. Shultz, they added, was also aware of the fact that they had come to Washington from Tunis, a new headquarters of the PLO now that it has been expelled from West Beirut. And that was clearly important to Shultz.

In addition to their meeting with Shultz, the two mayors had some other important opportunities to score points with influential people in Washington. There were about 20 guests at the American Enterprise Institute luncheon, including several from the administration, the academic community and the news media. Earlier that week, the two were the featured speakers at a 2-day conference on the future of the West Bank sponsored by the American University in Washington.

In their styles, the two are quite different. Milhem's English is much better. As a result, he is clearly more effective in making his case for Palestinian self-determination and the creation of an independent Palestinian state. He comes across as smoother and more polished than Kawasme.

In their public comments at the luncheon, both tried to project a moderate tone in discussing the future of peace in the region. While they both voiced support for the PLO, they did not hedge (as does the PLO) in their willingness to achieve an overall settlement which would recognize Israeli as well as Palestinian rights. And unlike the PLO, which has denounced the Reagan peace plan, the two mayors were full of praise for it.

Milhem called it "constructive and positive." It was "much more realistic that we had ever thought possible" — coming, as it did, from the White House. It represented "a big jump" for the United States.

Milhem said he was prepared to work "16 or 20 hours a day" to try to promote the peace process. "Time is gold," he said, referring to a recent study by Jerusalem's former deputy mayor, Meron Benvenisti, who suggested that there will not be much to negotiate on the West Bank unless talks get under way very soon. "I like what Meron Benvenisti has been saying," he said.

Kawasme made it clear that Jordan has a role to play in negotiations — as advocated by the Reagan administration. "Remember," said, "half of our nation is in Jordan."

The relationship between Palestinians and Jordanians, he added, is closer than between Palestinians and any other Arabs. He suggested that the "details" of any future link between a Palestinian entity on the West Bank and Jordan should be "left to discussions." At the same time, both men quickly added, the PLO represents the Palestinians.

"I am ready to recognize Israel," Kawasme said. "Ask Mr. Begin if he is ready to recognize us."

He flatly insisted that controversial article 7 of the final communique adopted at the recent Arab summit in Fez, Morocco, actually meant that "Israel has a right to exist." The communique's language, of course, was considerably more vague than Kawasme's blunt statement — leaving such formal recognition of Israel's right to exist open to various interpretations.

If the U.S. wants the PLO to give Jordan's King Hussein the green light to enter the negotiations and to accept Israel's right to exist, they said, the U.S. must first win some concessions from Israel, starting with a freeze on new settlement activity. They urged the U.S. to cut its foreign aid program to Israel as a means of pressuring Israel into suspending settlement activity. "Then," Milhem said, "the PLO will say yes."

They said they had been "encouraged" by their meeting with Shultz although Milhem later noted that the two mayors had done most of the actual talking during the session and Shultz — as is his style — most of the listening.

In recent weeks, U.S. officials said, Shultz has become increasingly more obsessed with resolving the Palestinian question. Indeed, his determination to achieve a breakthrough has been compared to that of former President Jimmy Carter — a development that portends more troubles for Israel in coming weeks and months.

Curiously, Kawasme acknowledged the right of Jews to live in Hebron and elsewhere on the West Bank, but he coupled that with the right of Palestinians to live anywhere in Israel.

Both men still are clearly anxious to return to Halhul and Hebron, although they do not appear to have any illusions that Israel might allow them to do so in the near future. The Reagan administration clearly wants to build them both up eventually to join peace negotiations, representing the Palestinians.

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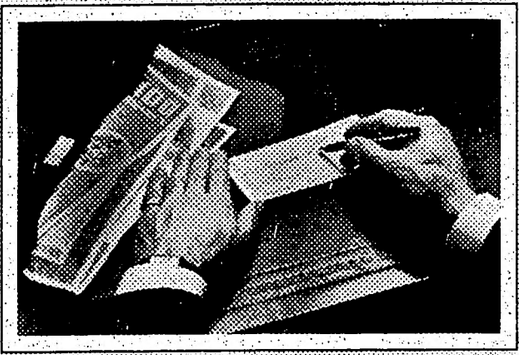

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Delay on withdrawal causes concern

Lebanon warning: war can break out again

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

[Because of the early holiday deadline this feature was prepared on Dec. 17].

With Lebanon's foreign minister warning that war could break out unless all foreign forces leave his country soon, U.S. diplomats have stepped up their efforts to achieve that goal.

On a visit to Washington, Elie Salem warned of the dangers of war in the Middle East if Israel, Syria and the PLO remained in Lebanon indefinitely.

Salem, who was seeking U.S. support for an enlargement of the multinational force which polices Lebanon, told columnist Anthony Lewis of The New York Times: "For us delay in withdrawal is synonymous with the destruction of the nation."

Officials in the Reagan administration do not quite subscribe to Salem's apocalyptic fear, but they do agree that the situation is urgent. It is their view that renewed tension between Israel and Syria could erupt if withdrawal talks continue to be bogged down.

A new round of fighting, it is feared, would play havoc with President Amin Gemayel's campaign to put Lebanon back together again after years of upheaval.

Negotiations on removing foreign troops from Lebanon have reached an impasse. Israel seeks to normalize its relations with Lebanon, but Lebanon prefers to discuss military matters only. Israel wants talks to be held alternately in Jerusalem and in Beirut, but Lebanon balks at that condition.

U.S. special envoy Morris Draper, in Israel last week to discuss troop withdrawals from Lebanon, talks with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir at a recent meeting. [IPPA photo]

The Israelis are prepared for a simultaneous withdrawal of Israeli and Syrian forces, but insist that the PLO go first. Syria is demanding a prior Israeli evacuation. The PLO says it will not vacate its positions behind Syrian lines unless it is permitted to maintain some kind of military presence in Lebanon.

In a bid to break the deadlock, the U.S. has dispatched diplomats Philip Habib and Morris Draper to Middle East capitals.

They will probably discuss a proposed plan in which they would shuttle between Jerusalem and Beirut. If the Israelis and the Lebanese accept it, there would be no need for them to hold talks in each other's capitals.

If those mooted negotiations bear some fruit, talks could then get under way between Lebanon, Syria and the PLO.

But this scenario is far from complete.

Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon favors American mediation in efforts to secure a withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon. But he says that Israel and Lebanon must eventually hold face-to-face talks on security arrangements and normalization.

Israel's deputy foreign minister, Yehuda Ben-Meir, is against the U.S. shuttle idea, saying it belongs "to the distant past."

Disagreement within the Israeli cabinet only serves to complicate the task which has been undertaken by Habib and Draper. President Ronald Reagan, cognizant of the delays which have dogged withdrawal talks so far, wrote a letter to Prime Minister Menachem Begin last week urging faster action by Israel to speed up its pullout.

Reagan's letter, which Habib personally delivered to Begin, reportedly blames Israel for much of the problems. Recently, the U.S. deputy secretary of state, Kenneth Dam, said as much in Senate testimony.

Meanwhile, Lebanon coped with new outbursts of violence in Tripoli and in the Shouf mountains southeast of Beirut.

Rival Moslem militias in the Syrian-controlled city of Tripoli fought pitched battles, and Syria's foreign minister went there to mediate. It is not clear why fighting has broken out. More than 75 Lebanese have been killed in the troubles.

In the Shouf, Druze and Christians shot at each other again, making it more difficult for the Lebanese government to bring calm to Lebanon. (See page 2.)

Meanwhile, King Hussein of Jordan and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat held their third set of talks since the outbreak of last summer's Lebanese war.

The pair, who agreed to build a "special and distinctive relationship," discussed Reagan's Sept. 1 peace plan, which envisages an association between Jordan and a Palestinian entity.

Their talks took place on the eve of the king's visit to Washington. Begin, in a Jerusalem speech, said that a West Bank-Jordan federation would represent a threat to Israeli security.

Sharon said that Israel did not intend to annex the West Bank but would build more settlements there.

Book marks centenary of settlement in West

VANCOUVER —

History buffs will find Pioneer, Ploughs and Prayers: The Jewish Farmers of Western Canada interesting reading.

The booklet, a joint publication of the Jewish Historical Society of British Columbia and the Jewish Western Bulletin, was written by Cyril Edel Leonoff to mark the centenary of Russian-Jewish settlement in Western Canada.

Born in Winnipeg and now a professional engineer, Leonoff is a descendant of a Jewish homesteader. His maternal grandfather, Edel Brotman, was the rabbi for the community of Wapella, Sask., for 16 years around the turn of the century.

The booklet chronicles the growth of the Jewish community in Western Canada. The tale is told with insight and humor, and offers interesting reading for all students of early Canadian history.

A collection of early photographs, many from the turn of the century, add to the booklet's personal qualities and brings the life of the homesteaders directly home to us.

The book is available, at $4 a copy, from the Jewish Historical Society of British Columbia, 950 West 41st Ave., Vancouver, V5Z 2N7. —**H.H.**

Lebanon aid via PLO is halted

WASHINGTON —

UNICEF, the United Nations International Children's Fund, has assured the International Council of B'nai B'rith that it has stopped channeling aid to Palestinians in Lebanon through Palestine Liberation Organization affiliates and will refrain from doing so in the future.

B'nai B'rith questioned the procedure of using PLO constituents as a conduit for relief efforts because the stated aim of the PLO is to destroy Israel and because it engages in terrorism.

The BB raised the issue with UNICEF after learning that such assistance had been funneled through the Palestinian Red Crescent, headed by PLO leader Yasser Arafat's brother Fahti, and the Palestinian Women's General Union, both of which are PLO constituents.

Pamela Hollingworth, director of communications for the United States committee for UNICEF, informed the director of B'nai B'rith's UN office, Dr. Harris Schoenberg, that UNICEF "has never supported the PLO" and that any aid that might have been distributed via PLO affiliates was of "emergency humanitarian" nature. The United States is the principal source of funding for UNICEF.

Hollingworth told the B'nai B'rith executive: "You not only have my assurance, you have my guarantee" that PLO groups will not participate in any future funding.

This was confirmed to Dr. Schoenberg by Vincent O'Reilly, program officer of the UNICEF emergency desk in charge of Lebanon.

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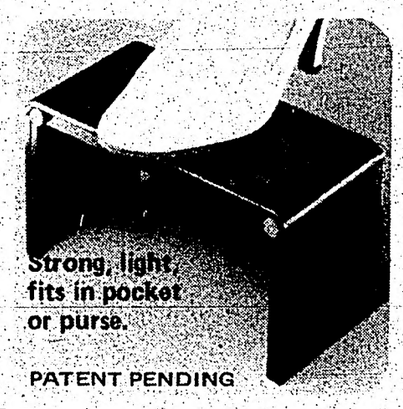

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

ORPHANAGE REUNION

A reunion is being planned for August in Brussels, to bring together all those who lived in the Belgian orphanages of Miravalle and Hirondelles (and possibly Wesembeek?). An effort is being made to locate all of the old-timers to tell you of the current plans and invite you to participate in the reunion.

Please contact **Kurt Tutter** in Toronto, telephone (416) 636-6592, or **Raymond van Frank** in Montreal, telephone (514) 688-8053.

NEW YEAR SKATING

Follow a Toronto tradition — skate in the New Year, Dec. 31, on Nathan Phillips Square. Warm up to records then enjoy the music of the New Year's Eve Selects Orchestra under the direction of **Ken Howard** from 9 p.m. until 12.30 a.m. (the party continues to record music 'til 2 o'clock). Free coffee will be served at midnight to toast in 1983.

Join the skating party on the Square and celebrate New Year's Eve under the stars.

BETH SHOLOM

Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tallis and Tefillen Club will hear **Rabbi David Monson**, investigate The Jewish Response, at a gathering on Dec. 26 at 10 a.m. Chairman is **Alderman Ben Nobleman**; co-chairman is **Morris King**; and **Sam Federman** is the religious chairman.

CJRT FESTIVAL CONCERT

Canadian pianist **Arthur Ozolins** will be featured in the next CJRT Festival Series concert, to be held at Massey Hall, Victoria and Shuter, Sunday, Jan. 9 at 8 p.m. He will perform Haydn's Symphony No. 85 in B flat major, La Reine; Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor Op. 37, and Mozart's Serenade No. 9 in D major K. 320, Posthorn.

Tickets are available from the box office, 297 Victoria St. (just above Dundas) Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m.-1 p.m., and 2.30-4.30 p.m., or by phone, 595-0404, with your credit card. Price range is $15, $12, $10, and $6 for students in the side galleries.

TECHNION SCIENCE FAIR

High school (grade 9 and up), community college and university undergraduates are invited to submit applications to display their original projects in the fields of applied science and technology for the second annual Technion Science Fair.

The projects will be displayed at the Ontario Science Centre April 27-May 1, and prizes will be awarded. First prize is a month's study tour in Israel. Second prize is a personal computer.

For more information contact **Debra Eklove** at 2828 Bathurst St., Suite 603, Toronto, M6B 3A7; (416) 789-4545.

STUDENTS HELP HOSPITAL

York Memorial Collegiate students sold wrapping paper, held a dance and a "hat" day to raise over $1,200 for the Northwestern Health Centre Foundation's $2 million campaign. Northwestern General is the only hospital in the Borough of York.

At a reception held in the lobby of the hospital's administration building on Keele St., **Mark Acquilla**, president, and **Laurel Knox**, vice-president of York Memorial's student council, presented the check to the board of trustees of the Foundation.

NEW YEAR'S LEVEE

Residents of the City of North York are invited to attend the Mayor's New Year's Day Levee on Saturday, Jan 1. Mayor Mel Lastman and members of North York Council will receive guests at the city hall, 5100 Yonge St., from 2-4 p.m.

After signing the guest book, residents can enjoy light refreshments and entertainment by the Royal Canadian Legion Band. Dress is informal. Admission is free.

DAY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Leo Baeck Day School is now accepting applications for the 1983-84 year and it is expected that there will be an excess of applications over spaces available. It is the school's policy to give members of Reform congregations priority over the other applicants. This priority will be valid until Jan. 15.

If you are interested in sending your child to the Leo Baeck Day School, call 222-9220 for an application.

CANADA WORLD YOUTH

Canada World Youth announces that 800 young people, including 100 from Ontario, will be participating in the 1983 youth exchange program.

CWY, funded in part by the Canadian International Development Agency, is looking for workers and students between the ages of 17 and 20 who are interested in learning about development and cross-cultural communication in both Canada and a developing country.

These young Canadians, joined by an equal number of exchange country participants, will spend seven months living and working in vastly different cultures and communities.

All costs during the program — food, lodging and transportation — are covered by CWY.

The first program starts in July, and the second, in September. Deadline for receipt of applications for both programs is Feb. 18. Application forms and more information are available from Canada World Youth, Ontario Regional Office, 627 Davenport Rd., Toronto M5R 1L2.

MARINE MUSEUM CHATS

What sort of characters were the ship masters who sailed the Great Lakes? Who was involved with shipping in the Port of Toronto in the early days?

Stories of steamboats, ferries and adventurous harbor crossings will be told by **Alan Howard**, former curator of the Marine Museum, during his special holiday chats, Tales of Ships and their Masters, Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 30, from 3-4 p.m. in the Marine Museum of Upper Canada, Exhibition Place.

The museum, located in the restored officers' quarters of Stanley Barracks, built in 1841, is open daily from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; cloised Dec. 25, 26, and Jan. 1; open Sundays and holidays 12 noon to 5 p.m. Admission for adults is $1.25 and 75 cents for children and senior citizens.

Lunch is available at The Ship Inn, a restaurant within the museum, from noon to 2.30 p.m.

Take the number 511 Bathurst streetcar to Exhibition Place.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE

Inside, Outside All Around Shelley Berman stars the comedian in an unusual and imaginative tour-de-force at the Leah Posluns Theatre, Koffler Centre of the Arts, Jan. 13 through Feb. 5. This show promises to be a hilarious way to overcome the winter blahs. Berman last appeared in Toronto when he starred in Prisoner of Second Avenue at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

OPERATION NEIGHBORHOOD

Mayor Mel Lastman and **Alderman Milton Berger** are pledging their support for the creation of self-help groups for North York residents over the age of 60. The non-profit program, Operation Neighborhood, calls for the establishement of discussion groups which would lead to full or part-time jobs, business opportunities or education for participants.

Mayor Lastman said: "As soon as we can get the new council to approve this program, we'll be going after the provincial government for funding."

He added that a pilot project covering a wide area of central North York would require only a $30,000 grant from the province to hire a co-ordinator. Alderman Berger is anxious to have the pilot in Ward 6.

"Because of mandatory retirement and our depressed economy, a lot of people are losing their jobs while still in their 60s," the mayor said. "These people still have energy, experience and a desire to contribute to society.

"Many are also stuck with inadequate retirement incomes and are in risk of losing their homes."

"There is something wrong when people are in a rush to get to age 65 just to take advantage of special programs. People aged 60 should be enjoying their youth, not praying to age overnight so they can have access to everyday things many younger working citizens take for granted."

Operation Neighborhood was proposed by **Laszlo Bodnar**, a retired provincial government economist. With maximum co-operation from the business community, I know we can improve the quality of life for many North York residents over 60," Bodnar said.

STOPPING INTERMARRIAGE

Seminars on Rational Approaches to an Emotional Issue — preventing intermarriage — are being conducted for concerned friends, relatives and parents, by a new educational service. A trained staff of educators and rabbis provides, in a comfortable home seminar, the intellectual basis often lacking in the usual urgent, emotional appeals.

For more information call the Specific Family Education Service, (416) 787-7995.

WEIZMANN MEETING

James F. Kay of Toronto, national president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, will chair the organization's annual meeting to be held Jan. 19, 4 p.m. at the Montefiore Club in Montreal. The national board of directors will convene following the annual meeting.

Of special interest will be a report on cancer research by **Dr. Phil Gold,** physician-in-chief of the Montreal General Hospital, and an internationally recognized expert in this field.

Scrolls of appreciation will be presented to the founders of the **Dr. Samuel O. Freedman** and **Dr. Phil Gold** Career Development Chairs in cancer research, a perpetual foundation at Weizmann. The dedication of the two chairs will be held at the university April 27.

BOOK OF PSALMS

Prof. Sy Langer will be speaking on Chapters 13 through 16 of the Book of Psalms, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 8 p.m. in the board room of Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St. The lecture is presented by T'nach Study Group, which is under auspices of Toronto Jewish Congress.

LOTS OF COVERAGE

Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto has been receiving excellent media coverage in the national and Jewish press, TV and radio.

Features and pictures of the Associated students celebrating Chanukah appeared in The Toronto Star, North York Mirror, Globe and Mail and the Toronto Sun.

The children participating in Chanukah ceremonies were shown on City Pulse News, the Chai Program on City TV, and on MTV.

A Toronto Star article and picture on **Samuel A. Kurtz,** archivist and historian of Associated, was printed in the North Neighbors supplement of the Star and children in a Chanukah play were interviewed by **Jeane Beker** for City TV.

Monty Mazin, Associated's director of development and public relations, said that the marvelous media coverage was of great help while he was fulfilling his other role as campaign director of the Leslie St. building fund campaign. "Despite the economic tzures the response has been very encouraging," he said.

SINGLES

Are you a Jewish single struggling with a personal concern? Are you finding it difficult to cope?

Call Project Connect trained volunteers for confidential emotional support at 497-4494 or 497-4393, Monday to Thursday, 6-9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The switchboard also provides information, referral and details of singles activities.

• Attention Jewish singles groups and organizations, why not pre-book important dates on the Project Connect master calendar to eliminate conflict and competition between groups in your scheduling. You may also receive free publicity via the switchboard for all your upcoming events.

Call during switchboard hours or mail information to Project Connect, 1091 Finch Ave. E., Willowdale, M2J 2X3.

• Project Connect now offers a Friday and Saturday activity/events tape. To be included, information must be received by 9 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the event.

Total Living Singles [40+] offers a last chance to attend the colossal New Year's bash, Saturday, Jan. 1, with — hot sit down chicken dinner, free wine bar, prizes, etc. It's all set for 8.30 p.m. at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

Only room for a few more, at $25 per person. For information call **Esther**, 783-9435, **Ida**, 782-2252, or **Pearl**, 782-4674.

A Jewish singles New Year's Eve party is planned for Dec. 31, 8 p.m., at Cowboys Restaurant, 71 McCaul St., Village by the Grange. It includes buffet, champagne, party flowers, and door prizes. Cost is $15 in advance, or $20 at the door. For more information call 789-0278.

Shalom Productions invites Jewish singles to a party on Dec. 24 at Zack's, 1111 Finch Ave. W. (two blocks west of Dufferin). Dance $5 at 8 p.m. or all-you-can-eat buffet, $14 starting at 6 p.m. For further information call 665-4600.

Come to Zack's Super Open House Party and Dance on Boxing Day, Sunday, Dec. 26 at

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Participants at recent Chanukah party at Baycrest's Wagman Centre included, from left: Margit Massarek, Baycrest Terrace resident; Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg and Bob Schwartz, a guest from Cheltenham Nursing Home. [Place photo]

350 seniors celebrate

TORONTO — For the fifth consecutive year, 50 Jewish men and women from 12 Toronto senior citizens' residences celebrated Chanukah at The Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, one of the five organizations of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Approximately 350 people attended, including residents of Baycrest Terrace, members of the Wagman Centre and the sponsoring groups, together with their families.

The program was planned jointly by the Wagman Centre, the chaplaincy services of Toronto Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Toronto Lodges and B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, director, chaplaincy services, spoke about the spirit of Chanukah and Simon Walfish, Wagman Centre member, lit the candles.

The members of B'nai B'rith Lodges provided transportation for the visiting seniors.

The Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre, directed by Nathan Garnick, performed A Chanukah Pageant, assisted by B'nai B'rith youth. BBYO members also welcomed the guests.

Organizations and People

What's New

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8 p.m., 1111 Finch Ave. W. to meet new people — just $5. Remember the date.

The Jewish Connection caters to people ages 18-90. Call from Monday to Friday, 2 p.m.-7 p.m. or on Sunday, noon - 3 p.m., 787-7716.

NE SINGLE PARENTS

The North-East Jewish Single Parents group will celebrate with a post-Festival of Lights open house and dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. (north of Steeles Ave.). Enjoy a social evening of mixing and dancing with wine and cheese served. Admission is $4 members, $6 non-members. For more details call **Kel**, 222-1757 or **Susanne Levine**, 889-0813.

A family skating party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 26 at 3 p.m. Meet at the kiss-and-ride Yonge-Finch subway terminal at 2 p.m. **or** at the Toronto city hall skating rink, Nathan Phillips Square, at 3 p.m. Bring your own skates. After skating the group will continue on to dinner. For more information call **Betty**, 221-2055 **or Susanne Levine**, 889-0813.

AT THE JCC

A blood donor clinic will be held at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. (just north of Sheppard) on Thursday, Dec. 30 from 2-4 p.m. and 5.30-8.30 p.m. You are needed as a donor whether or not you are a member. Bring a friend. Free guest passes will be given to all donors.

For more information please call 636-1880.

Photographs in Pink, an exhibition and sale of color photography by **Mindy Berenstein**, will be held Jan. 10-28 in the Loggia Gallery, Koffler Centre of the Arts.

Berenstein's work explores sequence, shape and design and incorporates hand tinting. Photographs in Pink is her second solo show since graduating from The Ontario College of Art in 1981. Her work has appeared in Toronto Life and Toronto Calendar magazines.

A meet the artist reception will be held at the gallery, Tuesday, Jan. 11.

The public is invited to view the exhibits. To inquire further, phone 636-2145.

The dance department of the Koffler Centre for the Arts offers a special class for the mentally handicapped. The new semester starts on Thursday, Jan. 27, 7.30-8.30 p.m. Fee is $20. For complete information call the dance office, 636-1880, ext. 37 or 61.

Calling all beginner Israeli folkdancers — here is just the class for you! Fifteen concentrated 1-hour sessions to introduce the basic Israeli steps and dances begin Monday, Jan. 10, 7.30-8.30 p.m. The fee is $25 for JCC members, $30 non-members. Call the dance office, 636-1880 for details.

Keep pace with the PACE department, Koffler Centre of the Arts. Selected courses and lectures will keep you stimulated and informed, and are guaranteed to scatter winter doldrums.

The 1983 season commences with Parent Effectiveness Training, Children the Challenge, Raising Self-Esteem, Kosher Italian Gourmet Cooking, Yiddish for Beginners, Nutrition, two book reviews with **Prof. Elaine Newton** — The Hotel New Hampshire and The White Hotel — and the remaining three lectures from the Surviving the 80s series, Alternative Medicine by **Dr. Robert Mendelsohn**, Stress Management by **Dr. Cy Marks** and Passages by **Karen Fraser.**

For more information call 636-1880, ext. 33, 15 or 43.

FOR SENIORS

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29 at 1.30, **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni**, 1950 Bathurst St., will hear **Harold Berk** present The Story of the Violin.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club looks forward to entertainment by opera singer **Franca Anna Romano**, at the next meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1.15 p.m. at 1700 Bathurst St.

The **Workmen's Circle Social Club**, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., will have a year-end closing meeting with lunch, at 12 noon on Dec. 28. Singer **Eva Fishman**, "Toronto's one and only sweetheart" will entertain, accompanied by pianist **Faygele Gartner**. Everyone is welcome. For additional information call **Shirley Grotell**, 222-7727.

Federal government New Horizon grants totaling $91,867, have been awarded to eight groups of retired people in the Toronto area.

Among the latest groups to receive grants are:

Earl Bales Seniors Place Committee, Bathurst St., $32,015, for renovations to provide a woodworking shop, craftsroom, and games room for pool, carpet bowling and an exterior multi-purpose area with a garden.

The **Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living**, Steeles Ave. W., $16,132, to establish activities including barbecues, exercise classes, table games, slide presentations, bridge, bingo and dancing.

Beth Sholom Seniors final meeting of the year is scheduled for 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Entertainment and refreshments will add to the evening.

The next **Self-Help Widows** program is planned for Sunday, Jan. 9, from noon until 1.30 in Rooms A&B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. This supportive service is non-sectarian, free of charge, and open to women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years. Group co-ordinator is **Helen Brown**. For more information phone 789-5131, ext. 410, Monday to Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

About People

TURNER RECEIVES AWARD

Gerald P. Turner, executive director of Mount Sinai Hospital, has received the first annual President's Achievement Award of the Society of Graduates in Health Administration, University of Toronto. This award provides recognition to a graduate who has made, in the opinion of his peers, the most significant contribution to the development of health care administration and to the health care field.

Gerald Turner

Turner is also the executive vice-president of the Mount Sinai Institute; associate professor in the department of health administration, University of Toronto; and a member of the boards of the Hospital Council of Metropolitan Toronto and the Canadian College of Health Service Executives.

Only kosher butcher in Hamilton

Times changed but so have eating habits: Cohen

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

You'd think the only kosher butcher in town would have it made, but not so, protests Saul Cohen. Sometimes, he points out, competition is not such a bad thing, because when you're the only one, "people tend to think you're going to take them for a ride."

It was different when he came here in 1948 at the age of 18, a survivor of Auschwitz and, except for a cousin in New York, the only one of his immediate family of parents, a brother and sister, as well as numerous uncles, aunts and cousins, to remain alive.

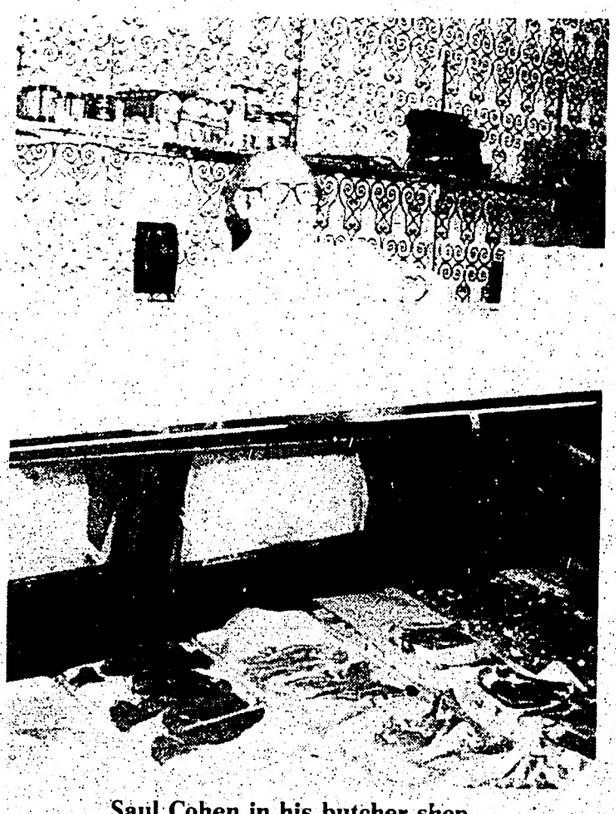
His friend, David Altmark, was already a butcher when the two came over on the same boat and although Cohen had taken a factory job, first in Hamilton, then in Toronto, Altmark soon persuaded Cohen to join him as a partner. When the two set up shop on York St. in 1950, there was enough business for three kosher butchers.

Some years later Altmark emigrated to the U.S. and in 1962 Cohen moved the store to the more fashionable Westdale area, where most of Hamilton's Jews were by then living. Urban renewal, age and "a younger generation that doesn't necessarily believe in keeping kosher" took their toll and soon Cohen was the only kosher butcher left.

He employs two men and a girl. If business isn't what it used to be, there's still enough of it to keep him busy. So busy, that on the Sunday morning he's designated for the interview, he can barely sit down for more than a few minutes at a time.

Sunday mornings are normally quiet, a time to do the books and make up accounts, but on this particular morning he's up and down like a jack-in-the-box from his tiny basement office to the store above. Several of his friends are hanging around the store "just kibbitzing," and seeing that the place is open, passing customers are tempted to drop in for an order.

A repair man comes in to fix a broken freezer; in the downstairs kitchen a woman is making hundreds of knishes for the following evening's Adas Israel Men's Club social while two others are cooking at the shul, and Cohen himself is keeping an eye on a roast. Throughout, the phone doesn't stop ringing.



Saul Cohen in his butcher shop

"It's crazy," he apologizes, mopping his brow and shaking his head, "but they know I'm here." It's not just that he's the only kosher butcher in town — he also has the reputation of being helpful and friendly.

Times have changed and so have eating habits. "When we first started," recalls Cohen, "it used to be like clockwork: people would come in every week to buy the same cut of meat, a chicken, flanken . . . today, the whole thing is different." The freezer is stocked with homemade foods for today's generation of working women and while he's not exactly a caterer, he does prepare certain foods for socials and meetings.

He used to deliver, "once, twice a day," but these days orders are smaller and "we can no longer afford to give service the way we used to."

To complaints from Jewish housewives in Burlington that they're being forced to buy their meat in Toronto because he won't deliver, he replies that he would gladly do so if he could co-ordinate deliveries and they would place larger orders less frequently. "Driving around delivering small orders is getting to be too expensive," says Cohen.

He delivers to Jewish communities in nearby towns such as Brantford and London, which have no kosher meat outlets and even ships to customers as far away as Moncton, N.B. once or twice a year.

Polish-born Cohen and his wife, the former Shirley Petchen of Toronto, have two daughters, one a student at University of Toronto, the other aged 12, and a 17-year-old son, but he doubts if any of them will be interested in carrying on the business.

Though it's not what he would have chosen to do had times been normal, at the time it seemed as good a way as any of earning a living. "I learned on the job," explains Cohen. Today, "being a butcher is the only thing I know. And now," he sighs, "I'm too young to retire and too old to start something new. So what am I going to do? It's a hard business but I'm not complaining. As long as it doesn't get worse . . ."

BB leaders' Israel mission is documented in new film

MONTREAL —

The Jewish Mosaic in Israel, a cheerful yet stirring 20-minute documentary film on B'nai B'rith Canada's relationship with Israel, had its premiere showing here recently.

Eighteen senior leaders of the Canada-wide organization applauded the film, which was produced by Milton Winston of Montreal.

It deals with the fact-finding mission of nine B'nai B'rith leaders who visited Israel last year. To the up-tempo beat of Israeli music, it shows them visiting the BB Canada Mother and Child Health Care Clinic in a poor neighborhood of Tel Aviv.

Another scene depicts their tour of the BB Canada-Jewish National Fund Martyr's Forest, where a goal has been set to plant six million trees — equivalent to the number of Jews slaughtered in the Holocaust.

Finally, the members of the mission are seen holding seminars with Israeli government officials discussing the country's links with Canada.

Those interested in showing the film are invited to contact the organization's communications department at 15 Hove St. Downsview, Ont., M3H 4Y8 or telephone (416) 633-6224.

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Receiving "retreads" award are, from left, Alvin Rosenberg, Dr. Gerald Halbert, Steve Ain [accepting on behalf of Wilfred Posluns] and Allan Offman. [Graphic Arts photo]

Special Campaign event honors workers, leaders

By BOB GOTTLIEB

TORONTO —

"Wasn't it a party?"

Like the song says . . . it certainly was.

It was, in fact, wall-to-wall people — well over 400 in number — who turned out in a final salute to 1983 United Jewish Appeal Special Campaign, and staged to honor the Jewish community volunteers who made it an unqualified success.

The main banquet hall of Beth Tzedec Synagogue filled early on the night of Dec. 9 — and if there was no banquet in evidence, that's the only thing there wasn't.

There was near non-stop dancing to the Barry Stein orchestra . . . everything from the hora to disco.

There was a knockout floor show, featuring Israeli singing star Ron Eliran.

There was revelation of the final 1983 UJA fund raising totals, re-affirming that Special Campaign was not only special — but downright historic.

There was recognition to campaign workers and campaign leadership alike, with individually-styled surprise awards going to each of the four UJA joint chairmen.

And most of all, as pointed out by one of the chairman — Allan Offman — there was a true coming-together of all segments of the campaign to reaffirm the unity and solidarity of Toronto Jewry through United Jewish Appeal.

Those surprise awards?

One each to Offman, Alvin Rosenberg, Wilfred Posluns and Dr. Gerald Halbert, all of whom had previously served as individual past chairmen of earlier UJA efforts.

For this reason they humorously came to call themselves, "The four retreads of Special Campaign."

In this vein, Campaign Director Steve Ain presented them for the occasion with individual tire segments, mounted on a base and inscribed: "No retread ever went farther in the name of good works and community solidarity."

U.S. professors will discuss plight of Jews living in different countries

TORONTO —

Two distinguished U.S. professors will be guest lecturers in discussion series being held in the new year at Beth Tzedec Synagogue at 1700 Bathurst St.

• Robert Chazan, professor of Jewish history at Queen's College in New York City, will discuss The Attitude of the Jew toward his Non-Jewish Environment, on the weekend of Jan. 22.

• Saul Friedman, history professor at Youngstown State University, will discuss the plight of Jews in Arab lands, in a lecture series beginning on the Feb. 26 weekend.

Chazan, who received his PhD from Columbia University and his rabbinical ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary, is one of the pioneers in Jewish studies at the university level in North America.

In 1967, he founded the first Jewish studies program at Ohio State University, the forerunner of many such programs in the university world.

Chazan is the author of four major books, including Medieval Jewry in Northern France, Medieval Jewish Life, and Church, State, and Jew in the Middle Ages.

Friedman, who received his PhD from Ohio State University, is an author whose books have dealt with basic Jewish issues.

His most recent book is Land of Dust, a study of the aridity, both cultural and physical, of Palestine under the Turks and Arabs.

Friedman has made a number of studies of the systematic persecution to which Jews have been subjected in various times. His Amcha is a searing oral history of the Holocaust, recounted through personal interviews conducted by the author with survivors.

In Progromchik, Friedman focused on the massive Ukrainian pogroms of 1919. In his No Haven for the Oppressed Friedman explored the callousness of the American government's immigration policies toward European Jews.

Deeply committed to Jewish life, Friedman, continues to conduct research on issues relevant to the community, including a soon to be released 300-page study of the anti-semitism in the Oberammergau Passion Play.

Directory of babysitters is handy little guide

TORONTO —

Every parent has known the worry of finding the perfect babysitter. To make things easier, there is a handy little guide designed to tell parents everything there is to know about babysitting.

The Babysitter Directory/Parents' Guide for Metro Toronto, published and edited by Leah Cohen, lists over 600 sitters, their age and telephone numbers for Toronto and its surrounding areas, including Mississauga and Oakville.

A combination reference guide and sitter directory, the book contains handy tips on picking the right sitter, ground rules to lay down and payment options.

In addition to babysitting — related material, the book also contains short articles on children's books, records and schooling.

The book also carries advertisements and contains a special section on "freebies."

Copies of the book can be obtained for $2.95 at hospital gift shops, The Bay, W. H. Smith or Simpsons.

Disabled booklet

TORONTO —

A free, 58-page Guide To Programs and Services for Disabled Persons in Ontario has just been issued by the provincial secretariat for social development.

The publication covers a wide variety of information, including services for children, employment, accommodation, support services and recreation.

The booklet will be distributed to disabled individuals and their families, the various groups and organizations working with them, field offices of the Ontario government, municipal offices, and community information centres, as well as to schools, libraries and medical offices.

Additional copies can be obtained from Secretariat for Disabled Persons, 3rd Floor, 700 Bay St., Toronto, M5G 1Z6; telephone (416) 965-3165.

Godfrey wins again

TORONTO —

Paul Godfrey last week easily won re-election to a 3-year term as Metro Toronto chairman.

He received 33 of the 39 votes cast by members of Metro Council. Alderman Richard Gilbert, his only challenger, received six votes.

My heartfelt thanks to my relatives and friends for your generous contributions, gestures and good wishes during my recent illness.

LILLIAN SHUMAN

COMING EVENTS

BETH TZEDEC

TUES., DEC. 28, 1:15 P.M. - **FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50. SONGS THAT WILL THRILL YOU. Franca Anna Romano**, Opera Singer. NOTE: This is NOT a Musicale Luncheon. No Reservations Required. Coffee & Cake. Everyone Welcome. Non-members $1.00.

TUES., JAN. 4, 1:15 P.M. - **FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50. "COPING WITH STRESS"**. Speaker: **Jenny Volpe Klotz**, Marriage & Family Therapist. Coffee and Cake. Non-members $1.00.

SAT., JAN. 15, 12 NOON, following services - **SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON**. Guest Speaker: **Rabbi Solomon Spiro**. Topic: **"Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik - Philosopher of Jewish Law, Poet and Mystic on his 80th Birthday"**. Paid reservations by Jan. 12. Adults $3.75, children under 12, $1.75.

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Under W. Germany's restitution agreement

Adequate compensation is not always the rule

LONDON—

On the 13th anniversary of the restitution agreements under which West Germany undertook to make "recompense" for Nazi Crimes, the World Jewish Congress has issued a detailed study which estimates that the total of the compensation program would exceed $35 billion but finds that "important sections of the victims have received no, or only very restricted, indemnification."

The 2-part study is dedicated to the late Nahum Goldmann, architect of the historic agreement.

In a study of the history and results of the agreement, published by the WJC research arm, Institute of Jewish Affairs, the author, Dr. Stephen Roth, emphasizes its far-reaching significance: "It established the principle that wrongs must be redressed and that nobody — least of all the perpetrator — is allowed to benefit from crimes."

Dr. Roth, director of the Institute, explains the immense problems that had to be overcome to secure the agreement: "Jewish claims could not be pursued by orthodox concepts of international or domestic law; new ground had to be broken, new legal concepts evolved."

The Jewish leaders realized that "the Jewish claim had to be based more on moral principles than on legal precedents and recognized equally that the fight would have to be political and not legal."

The Paris Reparations Agreement of 1945 was disappointing but Jewish efforts continued. It was hoped that measures introduced by the occupying powers would help but they left "the overwhelming majority of victims without any recompense." So as time passed, the report observes, "the hopes which the Jews placed in the Allies regarding matters of indemnification, gradually faded."

Two historic events changed the picture — the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 and the formation of the German Federal Republic in 1949.

Encouraged by Chancellor Adenauer's desire to establish German-Jewish relations on a new basis, the Jewish leaders established new contacts which eventually led, after much soul-searching, to direct negotiations with the Germans. "It was particularly Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who, at great risk to his popularity and even to his life, tried to convince the Jewish people of the duty that history had thrust upon their generation," the report states.

In Part II of his study, Roth assesses the results of the agreement. The grand total of the compensation program, which is not yet concluded, is estimated by the report at 90 billion German marks. "These are formidable figures testifying to a colossal achievement," the report notes.

Nevertheless, the report identifies four main categories of victims who have still not received adequate recompense, these being: [1] victims still resident in East European countries; [2] the majority of those who emigrated after Oct. 1, 1953; [3] victims who are citizens of West European countries other than West Germany; and [4] owners of assets confiscated or lost outside Germany.

"Despite this," the study concludes, "the (restitution) agreements stand as a tremendous tribute to the vision and courage of those who initiated and negotiated it from the Jewish side — first and foremost Dr. Nahum Goldmann — and as a great credit to the German leaders — primarily Chancellor Adenauer — who accepted it as the moral duty of the German people at least partly to remedy the wrongs."

Arab League, UN call for closer ties

NEW YORK —

The World Jewish Congress reports that the UN General Assembly now meeting here has adopted a resolution calling for "new and expanded areas of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States."

According to the UN Office of the WJC, the resolution commends the Arab League for its efforts "in furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations." It also expresses appreciation to the League for its cooperation "in the implementation of the United Nations resolutions relating to the question of Palestine."

The resolution proposes an extraordinary meeting at Arab League headquarters in Tunisia between representatives of the League and of the United Nations. The meeting would further define areas of joint co-operation.

An unsuccessful effort to amend the draft text was made by the United States delegate who declared "it is time to draw the line and to put strict controls on United Nations spending."

The amendment, which sought to prevent any budgetary increase for the implementation of the resolution, was soundly defeated though joining America's Western allies in abstaining on the vote were the Soviet bloc countries which have also been critical of freewheeling spending by the UN.

Reservations to the resolution were expressed immediately after its adoption by spokesmen for the European Community countries as well as the Scandinavian group.

Denmark, speaking on behalf of the European Community, stated it was best for resolutions of this kind to "avoid the introduction of divisive elements." Ethiopia, involved in a conflict with the Arab state of Somalia, charged that Arab League members had repeatedly violated "their obligations under international law and the basic principles and decisions of the United Nations."

The remarks of Israel's representative were brief. "The League of Arab States," he said, contrary to the laudatory references in the resolution, had "engaged in gross violations of the United Nations Charter."

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Organizations and People

Community leader claims:

Criticism of Israel gives comfort to enemies

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Public criticism of actions of the Israeli government at this time is a mistake since it gives comfort to Israel's enemies and weakens the position of the Jewish community at a time when the Canadian government is already under pressure from its Quebec wing to support the PLO.

This was the position adopted by community leader Donald Carr at a recent seminar at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue on community responses to events in the Diaspora after Lebanon.

The right to express dissent with Israel's policies is not the question at hand, Carr said, but rather the right to vent these views publicly.

"Arafat loudly praises those Jews who speak out against Israel," he remarked.

Since only the most sophisticated people distinguish between criticism of Israel and criticism of Jews, the effect of widely reported attacks on the Israel government is to heighten anti-semitism here," Carr said.

"There is a staggering increase of anti-semitism right here in Toronto," he declared. "I have just seen a publication of the Seventh Day Adventists distributed at Branson Hospital with an editorial which states that the Jews rejected and crucified Jesus because they were looking for a leader to go to war against their enemies, but now they have their Messiah in Menachem Begin to do what they wanted Jesus to do."

The large audience heard Carr and four other panelists, Prof. Ben Fisher, Prof. Ben Geva, Milton Harris and Norman May discuss the question of dissent with Israel government policies. There were also many responses from the floor and at times the debate got heated, with members of the audience hurling questions at the speakers.

The seminar, under sponsorship of the Ontario Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress through its international affairs committee, was chaired by Edward Waitzer who had to call for order several times.

Prior to this panel, the audience heard reports on the Ottawa scene. (See separate story). In his presentation, Senator Nathan Nurgitz, of Winnipeg, former chairman of the Conservative Party of Canada, said "sometimes public dissent does not help our interests."

In response to a question from the floor, Jim Peterson, Liberal member of parliament for Willowdale, said he did not want to be drawn into a debate on the issue of dissent. "It is not my role to tell the Jewish community what to do, whether it should speak with one voice or many voices," he declared.

During discussion of the Ottawa report, Max Goody spoke from the floor, stating he did not see what useful purpose public criticism of Israel serves. "The Jewish community is united on the need to survive," he said. "We must support Israel at all times or we will perish."

Denying that actions of the Israeli government are causing anti-semitism, Carr said: "There is a strange thing afoot among us. Many people are voicing criticism of Israel because of their fear of anti-semitism. We must go back to basics. We cannot afford the time and energy to combat attempts to fragment the community."

Prof. Fisher said people in the Diaspora are confused and bruised. Since the world looks at Jews and Israel as one, anti-government propaganda weakens Israel. "The PLO is counting heavily on dissent within Israel, he said. Polls in France a couple of weeks ago show 48% of the people say the massacres in the refugee camps were by Israeli soldiers."

Prof. Geva said the threat from the PLO is not strictly a military one and that the problem of the large population of Palestinians will remain. The war in Lebanon cannot be separated from Israel's West Bank policy, he said, and he described Begin's annexation policy as "a suicidal one for the government."

"If the Palestinian population is turned into water-carriers and hewers of wood it will be a social time bomb, a cancer in Israel society," he declared.

He deplored the argument that those who dissent must go to Israel to voice their opinions.

Blind support of Israel by the Diaspora is not in Israel's long-term interests, he went on, and claimed that the political base of the Toronto Jewish community will erode as the price of such unity.

He said The Canadian Jewish News should reflect the diversity in the community and charged that the claim that dissent feeds anti-semitism is "ridiculous... We are not a monolithic community and it is false to encourage people to think we are," he said.

Milton Harris said he was not opposed to the war in Lebanon since the essence of the PLO position is the disappearance of the Jewish state.

Describing himself as a life-long Zionist, Harris said dissent is irrelevant to the issue of anti-semitism. "A monolithic appearance makes us more vulnerable," he said. "We will be compared to the Arab and Communist states. Dissent is the democratic essence of the Jewish community and enhances our image."

Norman May said the world press has an obsession with Israel at this time, and that the "gut issue" is whether public criticism of Israel is giving comfort to its enemies, and whether it is an act of self-indulgence. "In certain circumstances it may be most appropriate to shut up," he declared.

Sholom Shacter said if dissent is to be private, it must be listened to by leaders of the community and he claimed that these leaders had refused to grant a hearing to a leader of Israel's Peace Now movement when he was in Toronto recently.

Prof. Jacob Siegel, formerly of McGill University, said it is a total illusion to draw a distinction between public and private dissent. "I don't know of any example where freedom of speech led to the destruction of a country, but I know of many countries where a dictatorship did," he said.

Mel Shipman said he wants to join in a legitimate debate about Israel's best interests and that Friends of Pioneering Israel is "second to none" in its devotion to Israel. "The policies of the Begin government are leading Israel to disaster," he said.

Reform educators attend NATE meet

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

The National Association of Temple Educators will hold its 28th annual conference in New York from Dec. 26-30.

NATE is the professional organization for Jewish educators working in Reform synagogue, camps and institutions, and the conference is open to anyone who works in the Reform movement.

Cost to attend the conference is $150 excluding airfare, and some 15 Canadian delegates are expected.

Canadian participants will include Cantor Dov Berman from Anshe Sholom Congregation in Hamilton, and Torontonians Rabbi Steven Garten, director of education at Holy Blossom Temple, Morris Sorin and Karen Halbfinger of Leo Baeck Day Schools, and Marlene Myerson, education director of Temple Emanu-El.

Rabbi Garten, a member of the NATE board of directors, estimates that in all some 250 North American Jewish educators will attend the conference.

Theme of the gathering is the Ecology of Values and Neil Postman, professor of media ecology at New York University, and author of Teaching as a Subversive Activity, and Teaching as a Conserving Activity, will be guest speaker.

According to Rabbi Garten, Postman maintains that our environment is too rigid and that our school system curriculum is not individualized enough.

In Postman's opinion, the major role of education in the future is to help conserve that which is both necessary to human survival and that which is threatened by a "furious, exhausting culture."

Reform Jewish education, he maintains, sets as its goals the preservation of Jewish tradition and "the enrichment of those aspects of our lives which make us human."

Other speakers at the conference will include Dr. Charles Silverman, director of the Study of Jewish Life, and author of Crisis in the Classroom, and Bella Abzug, former congresswoman and president of Women USA.

Albert Vorspan of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation will "try and rekindle the fervor which Reform Judaism had for social issues such as nuclear disarmament, poverty, racial prejudice and anti-semitism," Garten reported.

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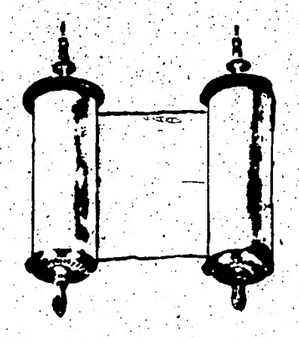

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayigash

The light of Eretz Yisrael glows over every Jew. The more the nations line up against Israel, the more we must love her.

Whenever the Radzminer Rebbe would speak to someone about Eretz Yisrael and its rebuilding, he would put on his Shabbat clothing, and order his shammos to light the Shabbat candles. His face shone with holiness.

He said: "A person is not ready to speak about rebuilding Eretz Yisrael until he first garbs himself in the holiness of Shabbos. Just as Shabbos is the special gift-offering of time, so is Eretz Yisrael a special gift-offering of space...."

Where does holiness shine from every stone but in Eretz Yisrael?

This week's parsha describes the sad event when Jacob had to leave Eretz Yisrael and descend with his family to Egypt. The dark clouds of exile and servitude were forming.

What did he take with him? "And they took their cattle and their goods that they acquired in the land of Canaan, and came to Egypt...." Strange! The wealth that Jacob acquired in Eretz Yisrael he took. But what about all the riches he had earned earlier — in Laban's time — out on the Syrian plain? He had been wealthy even before coming to Eretz Yisrael. Where were all his former riches?

But — says Rashi — what Jacob had acquired in Aram he gave away to Esau. He said: "The property acquired outside of Eretz Yisrael is not worthy of me!" Jacob did not just want wealth — but he wanted the wealth attached to the sanctity of Eretz Yisrael.

But holiness can't thrive on thin air. Where there is no bread, there is no Torah.

The Vilna Gaon was good friends with the Dubner Maggid, and enjoyed his parables. Once he invited him suddenly, and the Dubner arrived hungry and thirsty. But the family immediately surrounded him, anticipating a story.

The Dubner was too modest to ask for food, but he told them a parable. There was a poor man who wanted to buy a milk goat for his family. He scraped and scraped until he was able to afford the price. He brought home the animal, and the family eagerly waited as his wife went to milk the goat. She tried and tried — but no milk!

Angrily, the man ran back to the merchant and complained. Asked the merchant: "Did you feed her?" "No," he answered. "Well, if there is no hay, there is no milk...."

The family got the hint and hastily brought the Dubner something to eat.

Meanwhile, we're not in Eretz Yisrael. The icy grip of a Canadian winter tightens and we long for the warmth and holiness of Eretz Yisrael.

Where can we find it? Say some commentators that when Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, he showed them his library filled with Jewish books. Every Jewish home should have a Jewish library, a little Eretz Yisrael. Shabbat Shalom.

Author of new recipe book

Marriage made her probe cooking

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Now it can be told: Ruth Rosenbaum Mason, author of A Canadian Country Diary & Recipe Book [Hounslow Press, $13.95], used to be bored stiff by cooking when she was a girl. She was far more interested in boys.

It was only when she was a 22-year-old newlywed, married to Toronto dental therapist Michael Mason, that she was forced to probe the mysteries of the culinary arts.

"I was so dumb then in the kitchen it was pathetic," the 50-year-old teacher-librarian at the United Synagogue Day school recalls with amusement.

"To me, brewing tea meant tossing a tea bag into a cup of hot tap water. And when my father-in-law, a Hungarian gourmet, came to dinner for the first time, I was so ignorant I served him chicken feet — not legs — with the ugly skin and nails intact.

"I was waiting expectantly for compliments. Instead, he exclaimed in Hungarian to my husband, 'What the hell is this crappy stuff?' When Michael translated what he'd said, I burst into tears and rushed off to phone my mother."

Her mother, Ray Rosenbaum, now 76, is a splendid haymishe cook, noted for her kreplach, potato latkes, cabbage borscht and honey cake. But her daughter had no need to seek her emergency aid for the 200 recipes in her delightfully literate, 180-page book.

It took Mason three years to incubate and write it. "I could have given birth to triplets in that time," the author, who is mother of four children, says jocularly.

As the title suggests, it's more than a recipe compilation. Besides learning how to make such esoteric things as nut butter and marigold wine, you'll be entertained by her diary entries describing how the changes of season transform the landscape at Hockley Valley, an hour's drive from Toronto, where she maintains a country house.

What's more, sprinkled throughout the book like unexpected raisins, are excerpts from the nature verse of Canadian poets the likes of A. M. Klein, Miriam Waddington, Joe Rosenblatt, Bliss Carman and Sir Charles G. D. Roberts.

But the most enchanting aspect of the book are the illustrations by Toronto artist Sarah Silver, who is also responsible for its informal, looseleaf design. Her sketches of Ontario's seasonal flora and fauna, its birds and animals — especially of Mason's pet raccoon — are charming creations, worth the price of the book alone.

Silver, a Welsh-born artist of 53, a lay cantor at Holy Blossom Temple, worked closely with Mason in their collaboration. And Mason, a member of Beth Tzedec Synagogue who is an avid volunteer worker on behalf of liberating Russian Refuseniks, is no longer a helpless amateur in the kitchen.

She says one of the joys in her life currently is giving cooking lessons to 10 Jewish youngsters, aged 8 to 11, in the kitchen of her Russell Hill Rd. home.

She charges $20 for four lessons, but the kids pretty well eat her out of her home. During one lesson, it's not unusual for them to devour two loaves of sandwich bread, two tins of tuna fish, a half dozen eggs, a package of cream cheese, and a whole jar of peanut butter.

But their demolition of the contents of her refrigerator doesn't bother her.

Arthur Ruth Mason [right] with artist Sarah Silver.

"I don't care how old they are — but everybody ought to know how to cook," she says. "Preparing food can be a fine art, and sharing it with others is one of the great pleasures of living. I don't want my kids to come running to mother to rescue them from embarrassment."

U.S. Shaare Zedek to host snowbirds

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Bestseller author's controversial theory

Pain is price we pay for being alive: Kushner

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

"I do not believe that things happen because it is the will of God," said Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, author of the runaway bestseller, When Bad Things Happen To Good People. "For God does not bring sickness, death and suffering indiscriminately. This is not the God I believe in."

He spoke at the recent Arthur J. Siggner Memorial Lecture at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. More than 900 persons attended the lecture, part of a 2-day program devoted to understanding the suffering of humanity.

Kushner, 47, a Conservative and controversial rabbi from Nanick, Mass., told the audience how the death of his son Aaron from progeria — a rapid aging disease — induced him to write his best-selling book.

"When Aaron died at 14," Kushner said, "he looked like a cross between ET and a survivor of the Holocaust. I could find little consolation in the well-meaning words of friends. I realized that the words I had spoken to many people who had suffered the loss of a loved one were inadequate."

"I had upheld my half of the bargain with God. Why hadn't He upheld His with me?" he questioned.

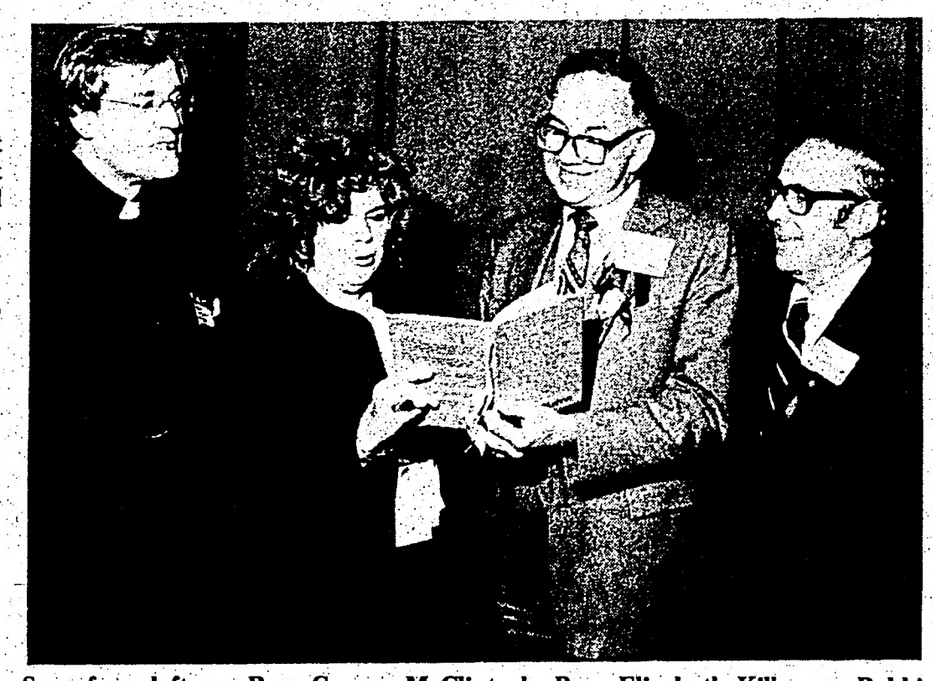
"And I had to confront the most terrifying question which sooner or later all of us have to ask: 'Why do bad things happen to innocent people?'

"I was angry," Kushner said. "I questioned, 'Why me? Why did innocent Aaron have to suffer and die? He didn't deserve it.'

"I had to ask why do good people get cancer? Why are innocent children killed in car accidents? And, ultimately, how could so many innocent victims suffer and die in the Holocaust?"

Kushner's anguish led him to re-read the Book of Job in search of answers. He tried to understand why Job, a pious man, had been plagued with sickness, suffering and death. This study directed Kushner to his interpretation of God.

He concluded that God had created the laws of nature — and these laws affect all people indiscriminately. He believes that God has elected not to interfere with these laws. Therefore, Kushner said, God is not a "cosmic vending machine" where we can bargain goodness for immunity.



Seen from left are Rev. George McClintock, Rev. Elizabeth Kilbourn, Rabbi Harold Kushner and Victor Goldbloom. [Ben Lechtman photo]

Kushner believes that God has given man the freedom to choose. It is this freedom which can lead to man's injustice against man.

Fundamental to Kushner's theory is a God with limitations . . . a God who is not all-powerful.

Kushner said pain is the price we pay for being alive. "Therefore," he said, "I no longer ask, 'Why do I have to feel pain?' but rather, 'What do I do with my pain, so that it becomes meaningful and not just pointless empty suffering?' "

He told the audience: "If you know people who are hurting and suffering, who feel unloved and abandoned, go to them. Don't tell them why it happened; tell them you are there, you care and that you love them. This will help more than all the theological and scientific answers in the world."

Kushner said we often ask how a man suffering from inoperable cancer, or the parents of a brain-damaged child, or a bereaved widow face up to each new day. Kushner responded, "The God I believe in does not send the problem. He gives us the strength to cope with the problem. He gives us the patients and hope and renewed spiritual resources when they run dry."

When Kushner looks back at the suffering he and his wife lived through, he said he cannot believe that they had the strength and courage which they found in God. By their acceptance and response, Kushner feels their suffering has a positive meaning.

It is this positive affirmation of life that is expressed in the mourners' kaddish, he explained. It is not about death, but about life — a reminder of all that is good and worth living for.

With emotion, Kushner said, he thinks about all that his son's death taught him, and he realizes how much he has lost, and how much he has gained. "This makes yesterday less painful for me," he said, "and I am not afraid of tomorrow."

During the question period, Kushner was challenged by members of the audience for his dismissal of fate, of God's will, and the notion that things are beshairt [destined]. They questioned his negation of an all-powerful God.

In response, Kushner said he does not believe that the script of life is written for us. We are free to make choices, he said, and for this reason he has trouble with Yom Kippur and the notion of who shall live and who shall die.

To those who criticized his theory, Kushner said: "Religion is like a mirror; we all see different reflections. If you are satisfied with your interpretation, keep believing. My book is for people who are not satisfied with the traditional answers. I am offering an alternative."

The lecture was opened with an invocation by Bishop Geoffrey Parke-Taylor of the Anglican diocese of Toronto. Rabbi Albert Pappenheim was the welcoming host rabbi.

Rabbi Erwin Schild of Adath Israel Congregation and a trustee of the Arthur J. Siggner Memorial Fund paid tribute to Siggner as a man who believed strongly in the Canadian mosaic and the dialogue between Christians and Jews.

Rev. George B. McClintock, of West Humber United Church and chairman of the board of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, introduced Rabbi Kushner as the "type of counselor you can be safe with."

Dr. Victor C. Goldbloom, president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, was chairman of the lecture.

On the second day of the program, 220 volunteers and professionals attended workshops on suffering, sponsored by the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto in co-operation with the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. The program was chaired by Rev. Elizabeth Kilbourn, co-ordinator of chaplaincy services of the Anglican diocese of Toronto.

A panel responded to Kushner's talk. Panelists were Rev. Ambrose O'Farrell, chaplaincy service, St. Joseph's Health Centre; Rev. James Reed, professor of pastoral psychology at the Toronto School of Theology; and Rabbi Schild.

The theological presentations, from a Catholic, Protestant and Jewish perspective, indicated there was disagreement with Kushner's opinions.

Ambrose disagreed with Kushner's statement that evil arises from the fact that we can make choices. Rather, he said, evil stems from the evil choices some people make.

Schild explained what Jewish tradition says about evil and suffering, and said that there are many interpretations presented in the Talmud.

"From Ezekiel to Rabbi Kushner," Schild said, "there is a variety of answers. Many explanations are beyond our understanding."

Schild said: "Both Judaism and Christianity struggle with the reconciliation of God's omnipotence and man's freedom."

He emphasized the need to study the Talmud in the here and now, to understand the theory of suffering of love.

"It is through suffering," he said, "that the closest bonds are established between man and God, the closest communication and companionship with God. This often happens when bad things happen to a good person."

"I feel uncomfortable," Reed said, "for Rabbi Kushner's book does not satisfy my interpretations of God's powers."

Kushner, who describes himself as a Conservative rabbi with a Reconstructionist focus, said in an interview with The CJN, that the panel had been "very polite" in discussing his views.

He said some newspapers and religious institutions have refused to present what they call his "radical opinions."

In his summary, Kushner said the success of his book indicates that many people are not satisfied with the answers they receive when they are suffering.

He concluded: "The ability to forgive and the ability to love are the weapons God has given us to live fully, bravely and meaningfully in this less - than - perfect world."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pravda Line

I don't know why my old friend, Murray Tate, got so worked up in your issue of Dec. 2 about the resolution on Israel by the United Jewish People's Order.

If it was because he feels that only Israelis have a right to criticize their government, he should remember that hundreds of thousands of Israeli citizens demonstrated against the Lebanon actions, and that the inquiry commission's conclusions so far are in keeping with the UJPO statement.

On the other hand, if he believes that Diaspora Jews have no right to participate in the discussion, he is woefully behind the times. What is his interpretation of the "centrality of Israel?"

Does it not mean a common interest in Israel's wellbeing? And must we suffer silently when anti-semitism spreads as a result of Israel's government actions?

By the way, what is the "Pravda line" on Israel? I thought the authorities there played a powerful role in the creation and early defence of Israel and more recently reaffirmed the principle of its right to exist within secure borders.

Jack Cowan
Toronto

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An objection

As a trade unionist raised in Jewish traditions, I am writing to object to your Dec. 2 coverage of the Ontario Federation of Labor's pro-PLO resolution.

You seem to think that because McDermott and Pilkey were opposed, the resolution is not significant.

In fact, the resolution was passed by a majority and is now policy whether the labor brass like it or not.

It represents a significant groundswell of labor opinion, including Jewish workers, towards the PLO.

Instead of condemning the resolution, you should ask yourself why it passed. The answer clearly is that Palestinians are perceived by Ontario workers now in the same category as other oppressed peoples the OFL supports, the Chileans, Salvadoreans, Black South Africans.

Israel, on the other hand, supports the South African regime and arms fascist Central and South American juntas. Moreover, the Histadrut, which arranges for Pilkey's and McDermott's free trips to Israel, has an abysmal record of discriminatory treatment of Palestinian workers.

Over 400,000 demonstrated in Tel Aviv, 128 countries, plus the UN and the World Council of Churches, recognize the PLO; Trudeau has made statements endorsing a Palestinian homeland.

When are you going tol see the justice of the PLO demand for a state on the West Bank and Gaza? Is it so much to ask? Or do six million Palestinians have to die first?

Ken Stone
Hamilton

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Takes exception

As a Canadian, I take exception to the way the Ontario Federation of Labor trade unionists have chosen to become embroiled in the complexities of Mideast politics (CJN Dec. 2).

• To my way of thinking, they should direct their energies instead to the following national problems:

• More than 500,000 jobs lost in the past year.

• Personal and corporate bankruptcies in the tens of thousands.

• The severe slump in the steel industry now shaking the financial structure of Stelco, Dofasco and Algoma.

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W. C. Kahlan
Toronto

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Sexist journalism

I have just read the rave reviews that Ben Rose and Gary Cohen gave to filmmaker Ron Mann's movie extravaganza, Poetry In Motion (CJN, Dec. 9).

I want to tell you that your paper has made a joke out of what it means to be a Jew!

Mann chose to include in his spectacular fellow "Jew" Allen Ginsberg, who dumps on the Jewish people by referring to the "Nazi Zionists."

Why include Ginsberg? Because Mann, like most Jewish sheltered Canadian boys, is fascinated by the macabre and depraved. That's why most of the men in the film were not monogamous or even heterosexual.

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Kirkpatrick, Annenberg honored by Hebrew U

WASHINGTON —

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem recently awarded honorary doctorates to U.S. ambassador to the UN Jeane J. Kirkpatrick and to former U.S. ambassador to Great Britian, Walter H. Annenberg, during a 4-day international conference of Canadian, American and Mexican Friends of the University here.

The 50 Canadian delegates were headed by national president Ralph Halbert and his wife, Roz, of Toronto.

The large Toronto delegation included Marvin and Estelle Kates, Mirial Small, Jerry and Carol Grafstein, Gertrude Rosen, Toronto Chapter President Dr. Charles Gold, Wayne Tanenbaum, Mel and Pedie Wolfond, Saul and Rae Saltzman, Hy and Faye Halbert, Jack and Amy Hauer, Manny and Eve Kimel, Berta Lunenfeld, Dr. Gerald and Tootsie Halbert, Ontario regional director Jack Jacobson and national executive vice-president Jonathan Livny and his wife, Miriam, and Jake Geller representing Windsor, Ont.

Prior to the dinner and convocation, the Halberts hosted a reception for the delegates which was also attended by Canada's ambassador to the U.S., Allan Gotlieb, and his wife, Sondra. The ambassador spoke at length about his own ties to the Hebrew University and to Israel. His mother, Sally, was one of the founders of the Winnipeg Chapter of the Canadian Friends.

The next day the Gotliebs hosted a reception for the Canadians at their home.

At a dinner dance, the 350 conference delegates were joined by over 800 of the area's prominent Jewish citizens. University president Abe Harman, presenting the degree to Kirkpatrick, cited her for her "passionate commitment to human well-being."

In reply, Kirkpatrick said: "Israel remains the unique expression of a unique people's determination to survive, as a civilized people, history's most coolly organized campaign of mass murder and to preserve the civilization that defines the people.

"Hebrew University has stood and will stand as a monument to the determination of the Jewish people to live the life of the mind even in the midst of unreasoning violence, to expand the frontiers of reason, science and truth even while dealing effectively with the harsh realities of survival."

The conference was the kickoff for a $100 million special endowment fund for the university, to be completed over the next five years. The Canadian delegates raised over $1.5 million for this special fund during the conference.

Over the four days, delegates heard lectures and attended seminars about the situation in Israel, in Lebanon and at the University, given by such Hebrew University experts as political scientist Shlomo Avineri, Sovietologist Galia Golan and professor of Arabic language and literature Menachem Milson, who recently resigned from his position as civilian governor of the West Bank.

Seen from left are: Dr. Charles Gold, Prof. Menachem Milson, Mel Wolfond and Dr. Gerald Halbert.

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Bill suggests a 9% increase in Ontario compensation benefits

TORONTO —

Ontario Labor Minister Russell H. Ramsay has introduced a bill to increase compensation benefits for the province's injured workers by 9%, retroactive to last July 1.

The bill also changes the name of the Workmen's Compensation Board to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Under the new Workers' Compensation Act:

- The ceiling on covered earnings rises to $24,200 per year from $22,200.
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- Minimum temporary total disability allowance rises to $170 per week from $156.
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The annual allowance for the repair and replacement of clothing worn or damaged by a lower limb prosthesis or back brace rises to $316 from $290 and, by an upper limb prosthesis, to $158 from $145.

Both the burial allowance and the lump sum payment to a widow or widower rise to $1,300 from $1,200.

In making the announcement, the minister said the new benefits will be reflected in the board's pension checks by the end of January.

"As far as the retroactive payments are concerned, these will be calculated separately. I can assure the men, women and children who receive benefits that the board will do everything in its capacity to start paying the retroactive portion as soon as possible," he said.

Ramsay suggested that the 9% increase "mirrors current economic circumstances."

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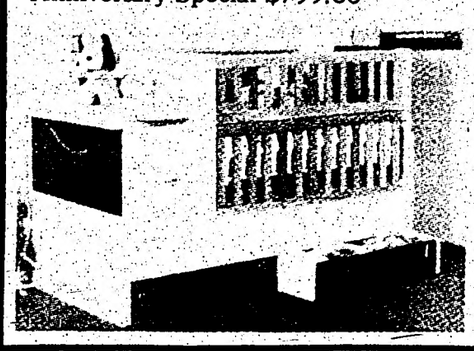

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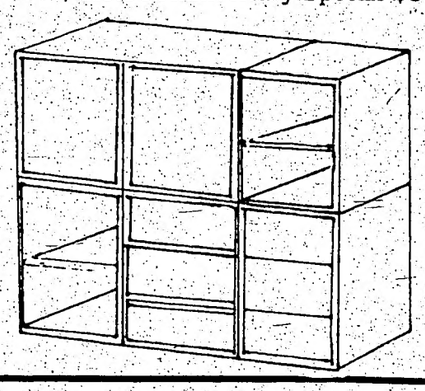

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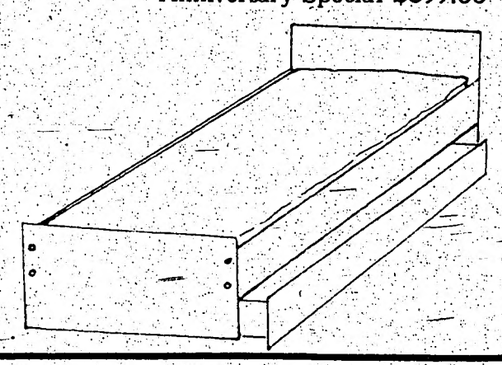

To be held May 12-15 in Montreal

Regional appointments made to CJC Plenary

By GARY COHEN

TORONTO —

Special committee appointments to the upcoming Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress, to be held in Montreal next May 12-15, were confirmed at a recent meeting of the CJC Ontario Region executive.

A total of 54 Ontario regional appointments were made to four special committees which will each have national representation at the Assembly. Twelve alternates were also selected to serve on these committees, if needed.

Appointed to the 21-member steering committee, which will "supervise and co-ordinate the activities of the other various special committees" and "ensure the proper administration and organization of the Assembly," were: Paul Caplan, Dr. Robert Disenhouse, Jacob Egit, Meyer Feldman, Genya Intrator, Julie Koschitzky, Malka Mirsky, Irvin Shulman and Ed Waitzer.

Dr. Michael Pascoe, Judy Scheininger and Alex Caspi were selected as alternates for the steering committee.

Selected members of the 21-delegate credentials committee, whose duties are to "pass upon the validity of the credentials of the delegates and alternates elected," are: Helen Daniels, Sol Edell, Naomi Freeman, Morley Goldblatt, Berl Nadler, Moshe Ronen, Norma Rubin, Sam Sable and Patricia Starr.

Marsha Slavens and Lou Kirshenbaum were appointed credentials committee alternates.

Appointees to the 42-member nominations committee, which will propose candidates for election as Congress officers, are: Henriette Chesnie, Joe Eisenberg, Robert Gasner, Penny Hersh, Saul Koschitzky, Louis Lenkinsky, Sam Lipshitz, Martin Mendelow, Adrienne Offman, Mort Pliskow, Kurt Rothschild, Rabbi Erwin Schild, Murray Segal, Debbi Schecter, Harry Steiner, Gordon Strauss and Charles Zaionz.

Alternates selected were Mortimer Abransky and Herman Landau.

Regional representatives to the 42 delegate resolutions committee, which will evaluate and initiate all resolutions put before the Assembly, are: Ron Appleby, Donald Carr, Judy Carr, Charles Diamond, Robert Eisen, Irving Feldman, Harry Krakowsky, Leslie Lasky, Rabbi J. Pearlman, Alvin Rosenberg, David Satok, Shalom Schacter, Les Scheininger, Ralph Shiff, Harvey Simon, Harold Vaisler, Rose Wolfe and David Zifkin.

Alternates to the committee are Betty Kruger, Fred Zemans, David Lipfsky, Max Clements and Saleh Mukamel. Jules Kronis withdrew his name as a resolutions committee alternate at the meeting.

At the same gathering, members of the Ontario Regional Council of CJC confirmed appointments to the regional pre-plenary resolutions committee, the body which will evaluate resolutions emanating from the Ontario Region and pass on to the national resolutions committee those it deems "proper and desirable."

Les Scheininger is chairman of the committee whose members are: Donald Carr, Charles Diamond, Sam Filer, Max Goody, Rabbi I. Kerzner, Gella Rothstein, J. B. Salsberg, Wendy Schelew, Bea Wolfe, Rose Wolfe, David Zifkin, Sam Pasternak, Shalom Schacter and Fred Zemans.

The ORC also installed members to the regional delegates election committee. This body's function is to notify and solicit from organizations and institutions in the region the names of Congress members for election as delegates to the Plenary Assembly.

Once a list of Congress members willing to stand for election is compiled, voting for delegates to the Plenary Assembly will take place at an all-members meeting of Congress some time before April 11. The names of elected delegates will be passed on to the national credentials committee by April 20.

Each national institution or organization is entitled to one delegate at the Assembly. Each regional of local institution or organization (synagogues, chapters, lodges, schools, etc.) is entitled to one delegate plus one additional delegate for every 250 members it represents to a maximum of four delegates.

Berl Nadler was appointed chairman of the regional delegates election committee whose members are: Jerry Faivish, Andrew Reich, Moshe Ronen, Sam Sable, Eric Slavens, Sam Soifer, Marlene Walker, Robert Brim and Didi Urbach.

Of the 1,500 delegates from across Canada who will attend the Plenary Assembly, 551 will represent the Ontario Region.

The ORC also confirmed the allocation of those regional delegates. Toronto will be represented by 370 delegates; Ottawa by 61 delegates; and Hamilton, Windsor, London and the outlying communities will each be represented by 30 delegates.

Ten per cent of these delegates will be under 30 years of age.

Reactors urged for Israel

BEERSHEBA —

Nuclear physicist Dr. Edward Teller has advised the Israeli government to build nuclear reactors as a deterrent against attacks and an underground nuclear power plant to supply the nation's energy needs.

Teller offered these recommendations during a recent lecture on "Perspectives on the Energy Problem" at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. The "father of the hydrogen bomb" was in Israel to advise the government on its energy needs.

Any contemplated nuclear facility would most likely be located in the Negev region and relate to the existing desert research projects currently being conducted by Ben-Gurion University as part of the university's overall program of helping to build the region.

Commenting on American criticism that these nuclear power stations present dangers to people living in the area, Teller said: "Reactors don't hurt people but people often hurt reactors." As the chairman of the Committee to Draw Up Nuclear Power Plant Regulation, Teller feels that his group has proposed "stringent safeguards."

"We have compiled data on approximately 2,000 reactor years and not a single person has been hurt. This is completely opposite the accident rate of other electricity producing facilities," Teller noted.

On the other hand, the 74-year-old scientist did not discourage the advantage of coal for Israel. "Through the coming decades, coal will probably play an increasingly important role. The two major drawbacks to coal use," he said, "are the relatively high expense entailed in loading, transporting, and storing, and the pollution it causes. These problems can be overcome."

Commenting on the current debate in America and the world regarding a nuclear freeze, Teller suggested that America's defence efforts should be concentrated on defensive weapons, not weapons of retaliation.

The nuclear scientist sharply criticized Americans and others who are calling for an immediate nuclear freeze, saying "this is spherical nonsense . . . the proposed freeze opposes the present U.S. policy which is based on mutually assured destruction . . . and to this extent is reasonable. But the proposal claims to be bilateral. The question is how will you enforce it? Nuclear arms limitations in the past have resulted only in a shift in favor of the Soviet Union in the arms race."

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Under auspices of CICF

Tel Aviv Museum gets art gifts

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO — Michael Landauer, a Toronto art collector, has donated two oils and one watercolor by Canadian artist Gershon Iskowitz to the Tel Aviv Museum, under auspices of the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation's arts gifts program.

The contemporary paintings were presented last week at the Moos Gallery on Yorkville Ave. to Marc Scheps, director and chief curator of the museum and Avner Idan, vice-chairman of the board of directors of the museum.

CICF's Joel Slater [left] presents paintings to Tel Aviv Museum's Avner Idan and Marc Scheps. [Ben Lechtman photo]

According to Joel Slater of the CICF, the donation will publicize Tel Aviv Museum, and boost the representation of Canadian artists abroad.

Private art gifts are needed and welcome because the museum is running on a small budget, he said.

Tel Aviv Museum, located for 11 years near the court house on Hamelech Shlomo Blvd., specializes mainly in modern art, but also has some of the world's finest works of international and Jewish art.

It was created in 1932 under the initiative of Meir Dizengoff, the first mayor of Tel Aviv, and after his death was housed in his home.

The museum has daily lectures in art and Jewish culture and frequent chamber music concerts, and its main shareholder, according to Idan, is the municipality of Tel Aviv.

It is run by a board of governors elected every three years and is chaired by the mayor of Tel Aviv.

Bernard Herman of Toronto is a member of the international board of Tel Aviv Museum.

Idan said that public funding through government and the Tel Aviv municipality is not more than 40%, and entrance fees for cultural activities at the museum pay for an additional 20 to 25%.

The remaining 40%, Idan told The CJN, is raised from private donations by Israeli corporations and individuals both in Israel and abroad.

Iskowitz, a Holocaust survivor who emigrated to Canada in 1949, has been in many group exhibits at the Art Gallery of Ontario, and at Gallery Moos. As well his works were exhibited along with those of seven other Canadian artists at the Tel Aviv Museum in 1970.

He has also had 1-man exhibits at the Hayter Gallery and the Here and Now Gallery in Toronto, the Glenbow-Alberta Institute in Calgary, the Martha Jackson Gallery in New York, and the Robertson Galleries in Ottawa.

Iskowitz was born in 1921 in Kielce, Poland.

His studies at the Warsaw Academy of Art were interrupted by the German invasion of Poland and he was transported to Auschwitz and Buchenwald.

Upon arrival to Toronto, his early paintings and drawings remained rooted in the stark observation of the Nazi death camps. But in the last 20 years he has changed his focus to the landscape around Toronto.

His later works, according to David Burnett, curator of contemporary Canadian art at the Art Gallery of Ontario, "reflect an optimistic and forward-looking expression of his experience in Canada."

Idan said that another gift donation by American artist Jules Olitsky was also received in Toronto recently for Tel Aviv Museum.

Canada says no to the PLO, MP reminds Toronto gathering

[Cont'd. from page 1]

military presence is needed, as the danger to Israel is from the east. "However, I cannot look forward with optimism to a solution. Perhaps it will not be in my lifetime."

On a more optimistic note, he said the tough economic times do not mean that the Canadian government will cease its support of Israel.

A better mood exists in Ottawa toward Israel now than last July, Senator Nathan Nurgitz, of Winnipeg, a former head of the Conservative Party of Canada, told the seminar. At that time, he said, it was "dreadful."

"Our friends in Ottawa have lost sight of Israel's military victory and media failure," he commented. He said there was no better way to explain Israel's cause than to take people to Lebanon.

Senator Nurgitz said he was not pleased with the way things are going at the senate committee on Mideast relations. "As the committee's deliberations will go on for some months we have to turn it around. The Arab lobby is reasonably heavy in Ottawa and academics are coming forward who favor their side, presenting 'reasonable' and 'moderate' cases which are neither moderate or reasonable."

Dr. Solomon Burak, principal of the Associated Hebrew Schools, asked Peterson how a question of legitimacy of occupation can be resolved. The Willowdale MP drew a burst of applause from the large audience when he replied: "These are realpolitik issues which will be resolved by real people at the proper time. We can't deal with it from here."

While introducing the Willowdale member, Alan Rose, executive vice-president of Congress, declared: "He is one of the greatest friends the Jewish community in Canada has. Nothing Jewish is alien to Jim Peterson."

In a brief review of the political scene in Ottawa, Rose said: "There is great support for Israel but profound disenchantment with Begin — not only by the government but by the other parliamentary parties."

He added: "At the government level there are differences between friends. There is a healthy skepticism about autonomy plans, there is also a belief that Camp David is dead. The military defeat of the PLO has strengthened the PLO politically."

The Congress official said there is an increase in anti-semitism in Canada, "because every anti-semite has a hunting license," but added that "we do ourselves no favor by not putting it into perspective. It does not mean there is a great wave of anti-semitism."

He concluded that all political parties in Canada remain "staunch and true friends" and that a great affection for the Jewish community exists. "This is not a time to be downcast," he said.

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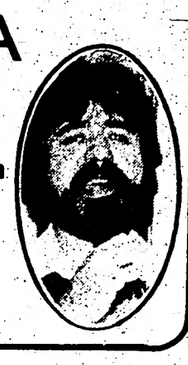

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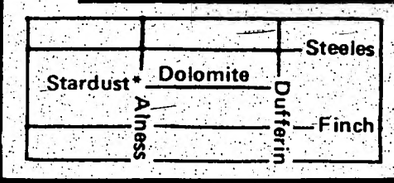

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Memories of Auschwitz

Actress Meryl Streep shines in Sophie's Choice

film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Meryl Streep and Kevin Kline in a scene from Sophie's Choice.

Meryl Streep has come a long, long way in only five years.

Ever since her motion picture debut in Julia, Streep has appeared in The Deer Hunter, Kramer vs. Kramer, The French Lieutenant's Woman and Still of the Night.

Between these performances, she starred in Holocaust, the television series which created such an impact.

In all her appearances, Streep displayed an intensity of talent which set her apart from most actors. Streep lives up to expectation in her latest film, Sophie's Choice (playing at the York II in Toronto and scheduled to open in Montreal early in the new year), which she dominates.

Sophie's Choice, based on the exquisite novel by William Styron, is produced and directed by Alan Pakula, who has made Klute, The Parallax View and All The President's Men.

Styron's book, based on his own experiences as a young writer, revolved around three people: Sophie, a beautiful, blond, Catholic survivor of the Holocaust; Nathan, a brilliant Jewish intellectual prone to paranoia and depression, and Stingo, a virginal, sincere southerner who dreams of emulating Thomas Wolfe and William Faulkner.

Stingo meets Sophie and Nathan, who are carrying on a torrid love affair, in a Brooklyn boardinghouse. Inexorably, he is drawn to the strange couple, and the three become good friends.

On one level, Sophie's Choice is the chronicle of Stingo's "voyage of discovery" as a man coming to terms with his strengths and his weaknesses within the context of Sophie's and Nathan's perverse relationship. But Sophie's Choice is also a portrait, searing and effective, of an Auschwitz survivor.

Rarely in the history of Hollywood have we been brought face to face with a film which has not cheapened the horrific legacy of the Holocaust.

And if this observation is correct, much of the credit can be laid at the door of Meryl Streep. As Sophie, Streep has perhaps what is the role of her career, and she makes the best of it.

Speaking in a quintessential Polish accent, or in seemingly flawless Polish and German, Streep inhabits the soul of Sophie so seamlessly that one tends to forget she is actually an American. Exhibiting a versatility of range, she is at once despondent and delightful, funereal and funny.

Sophie is a woman who has immigrated to the U.S. soon after World War II, the absolute low point in her life. She meets Nathan in a library, and Nathan, who takes to her like a bird to flight, heals her.

They have a wildly mercurial relationship because Nathan [Kevin Kline] is so unstable and, therefore, so unpredictable. Kline, a newcomer to the movies, succeeds in portraying Nathan's capacity for joy and self-destruction. Looking like a cross between John Gilbert and Errol Flynn, Kline reveals a tortured character whose brilliance has been bottled up by forces beyond his control.

Stingo, a writer in search of experience, walks into the unreal world Sophie and Nathan have created to shield themselves from the terrible realities of the not-so-distant past.

Theirs is a universe full of dark, unimaginable fears and secrets, born of human degradation and mental illness. Stingo, by comparison, is an naif, an innocent who, gradually, is enveloped by it. Peter MacNichol, who is sweet and yet unattractive, plays the part of Stingo.

As Sophie's Choice is set in the year 1947, memories of the Holocaust waft across the screen. Through flashbacks shot in Yugoslavia, pre-war Poland and Auschwitz are recreated, and Nestor Almendros' cinematography captures these sepia-tone scenes rather well.

The beauty of Sophie's Choice is that it stops short of depicting the Holocaust in melodramatic hues. What we get, instead, is sympathetic, if detached, accounting of the kingdom of hell.

The title of the film refers to a choice Sophie is forced to make in Auschwitz, but also to her preference for Nathan or Stingo. Each choice with which she is confronted is difficult, but Sophie has no alternative but to choose.

In assessing Sophie's Choice, a reviewer compares it to the novel, which was literate and lyrical but somewhat verbose in places. The film, like the book, soars here and there. In this sense, Alan Pakula's screenplay is exemplary.

But, unfortunately, Pakula is a little long-winded, too, and he doesn't muster up the depth of which Styron was capable.

This is not meant as damning criticism, since Sophie's Choice is, after all, so luminous a film. It is just a pity that Pakula's film isn't any better than it could have been.

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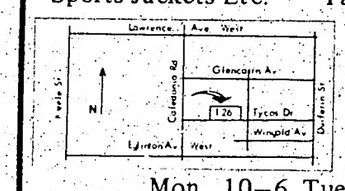

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Arts

Old man looks back at his turbulent life

Despite flaws, Altman's Last Stand recommended

TORONTO —

One-man shows, such as Altman's Last Stand, present problems. The script must be exceptionally strong and the acting must be of a superior quality, else the play may flounder.

Altman's Last Stand, presented by Toronto Workshop Productions until Jan. 2, will not win prizes. Yet it merits attention and is recommended.

Charles Dennis' play about the life and times of Franz Altman, a wise old Viennese Jew, is certainly diverting. And Eric Donkin, who portrays Altman, is an actor who exudes charm and warmth.

So what is the problem? The premise of Altman's Last Stand, namely that he is a failure, is patently incorrect. He may be unlucky but a failure he is not.

Donkin tries hard to endow Altman with a Central European cast, but he doesn't quite succeed. Despite a nasal tone of voice, despite gestures here and there, Donkin is not convincing as a Jew whom Freud has psychoanalyzed and whom the Nazis have put through Auschwitz.

For all these faults, Donkin is an appealing sort whose technical abilities and unflagging good humor and spunk save Altman's Last Stand from a fate few plays deserve: oblivion.

Altman, who has endured two marriages in his 82 years, is fighting his last battle against a developer who wants to tear down the historic building in which is located his antique shop, King Solomon's Treasure.

Ruminating on what awaits him, Altman launches into a bittersweet monologue beginning with his boyhood in a Vienna of gas lights and carriages. He summons forth images of his adulterous mother and his dour father; he recalls a seductive governess who was fired and a wretched governess whom he frightened out of a job.

There is an amusing recollection of Freud as well as a mildly funny episode in which Altman remembers how he was run out of Hollywood after exposing the lead man to public ridicule.

Like many Jews of his generation, he believes he can fob off the Nazis by greasing them with generous sums of money. Illusions aside, he is arrested and taken to a Czech concentration camp. Then he is dispatched to Auschwitz. "You cannot imagine," he says, referring to Auschwitz.

Eric Donkin in Altman's Last Stand

Maybe so. But is this a valid reason for glossing over his experience there? It seems to this reviewer he could have elaborated upon this important theme. Without elaboration, Auschwitz is revealed as a minor phase, which it is not.

Similarly, Dennis is vague about Altman's 15-year sojourn in Israel, where he immigrated in 1948. A little color, some detail, would have added much to the fabric of the production. But, unfortunately, it is missing.

Dennis is capable of arresting observation, however. Altman is at Eichmann's trial in Jerusalem, and he is fascinated by the mass murderer's utter concentration on a fly which has settled into his glass booth. Eichmann ignores the damning testimony against him, prefering to gaze untiringly at the fly.

Such detachment, Altman declares. No wonder Eichmann could kill so easily.

Altman's adventures in the U.S. and in Argentina take us to the concluding stages of the play.

His son invites him to live in Chicago but, soon enough, he finds himself in an old people's home. This "leisure centre" is an affront to human dignity, and particularly to Altman's after the director chides him for having had an affair with a female guest.

His fling with her is short-lived. A suicide attempt doesn't work, and Altman goes to Argentina, where he meets his old nemesis.

He returns to the U.S. and establishes a business. But here, too, the gods menace him.

Altman complains that he has been a failure for most of his life, but this is hardly true. He is simply stretching the definition of the word. He has had his misfortunes, like the rest of us, but he is doing pretty well for a survivor of 82. Indeed, on several occasions he alludes to his relatively happy state of affairs.

Donkin pumps vim and vigor into his characterization of Altman but, strangely, Altman is an attenuated European Jew, a rather 1-dimensional version of the real thing.

Altman's Last Stand suffers from defects but not to the extent that it is unsalvageable. It coaxes sympathetic and knowing laughs from the audience and it dissects a man who has had a varied, interesting life. At the end, his soul is laid bare and all of us are the wiser for it. — S.K.

Sequel is not that exciting

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Third World War: The Untold Story. By General Sir John Hackett. Macmillan.

Five years ago in The Third World War: August 1985 General John Hackett, a former commander-in-chief of the British army of the Rhine and commander of the Northern Army Group in NATO, wrote an imaginative but chilling description of the next great battle between the nations.

Brilliant in its detail, and with a magisterial grasp of the complex military, social and economic factors involved in a future war, the book was an educated fantasy that bore all the earmarks of an official history.

Surprisingly, the Third World War erupted, not in the Middle East, Asia or Africa — but in Germany. Under intense pressure, the Soviet Union attacked the Federal German Republic by land and air. Hampered by a rigid command structure, the Soviets were eventually overcome by the allied forces which included the United States.

Mass desertions — including an entire branch of the army and a cruiser intact with crew that steamed into an Allied harbor — speeded the collapse of Soviet opposition.

In less than a month the war was over. The Russians destroyed Birmingham, England, with a nuclear strike in an attempt to get the Allies to negotiate. But the Allies responded with a devastating nuclear attack on Minsk that brought about the surrender.

This sequel to the earlier book is not nearly as exciting or suspenseful. After all, we already know the outcome of the war. The author maintains, however, that new developments in the technology of war, important information from outside the Soviet Union declassified NATO intelligence reports and how questions of war and peace are debated inside the politburo make this second volume vital and necessary.

A literary device that the author uses effectively is the introduction through the long account of articles, letters and other personal accounts from both sides of the fighting. They serve to clarify and dramatize the minutiae of war that are often lost in the larger elaboration.

It is reliably reported that literary war games are now being carried on on a regular basis by all major powers. In these war games all possible scenarios of war are analyzed and discussed.

The author quotes from a speech by Lenin that he feels incarnates the nature of the ongoing struggle between two ways of life. "As long as capitalism and socialism exist we cannot live in peace: in the end one or the other will triumph — a funeral dirge will be sung over the Soviet Republic or over world capitalism."

This book is an attempt to show how the song was sung. It will be of interest to students of military tactics, futurologists and to all who enjoy extrapolating from the known to the realm of the unknown.

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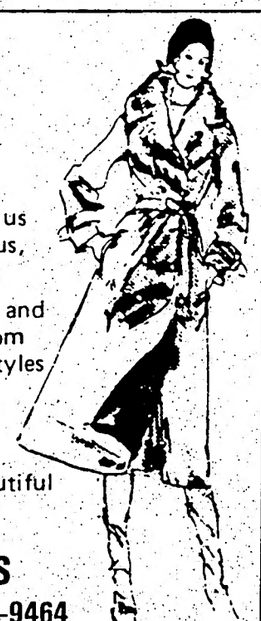

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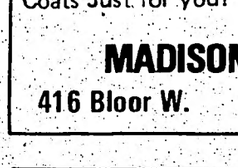
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Habrira Hativit blends true Israeli soul music

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

The modern miracle, the ingathering of the exiles to the land of Israel, is best symbolized by Israel's most prominent popular music group today, The Natural Gathering (Habrira Hativit).

Following recent sell-out concerts in Montreal, New York's Village Gate, Paris, Boston and California, this 5-man team whose members hail from Morocco, India, Iran, the U.S. and Israel, and whose music fuses all these diverse backgrounds within a unifying Jewish context, will perform at U of T Convocation Hall on Jan. 8.

When President Navon hosted French President Mitterand last year in Jerusalem, they both demanded authentic Israeli music. The Natural Gathering most naturally fit this demand.

Blending East and West, their music, composed by its leader, Moroccan-born percussionist-vocalist Shlomo Bar, incorporates Western styles from avant-garde jazz and baroque to blues, into those of the East, including Indian raga and oriental interpretations.

The fusion is true Israeli soul music. As Aaron Behar of Israel's largest-circulation daily, Yediot Aharonot, states: "Shlomo Bar is an outgrowth of the new culture which is blossoming in the land of Israel."

And even by Israeli pop standards, which for the past decade have far surpassed those of most Western pop music, the Natural Gathering creates an original, exciting sound.

Bombay-born Samson Kehimker is one of the world's foremost sitarists, and also doubles on violin. Iran-born Sami plays zither. Coloradoborn guitarist Miguel Herstein specializes in flamenco, while sabrakibbutznik Sammy Bat-Ayn plays bass. Actually, they play a total of 15 instruments.

"The Gathering heralds, perhaps, the beginning of a cultural revolt against blind imitation of everything that goes on in the Western world, against the exclusive domination of Western culture in our lives." This statement by Davar's Miri Paz sums up in a nutshell the great significance the Natural Gathering has within the total context of Jewish cultural evolution.

Today, as the basic interests of the Western world and Israel increasingly diverge, it's only natural that Israeli pop music abandon its often artificial imitation of exhausted Western styles and reinvigorate itself through a gathering of its roots. Hence the prime popularity within Israel today of The Natural Gathering.

Exactly because of this outlook, the Natural Gathering has displayed tremendous appeal to Diaspora Jewish youth wherever it has appeared. Their lyrics, which include biblical and kabbalistic passages, extol Jewish values, as well as ideals not necessarily Western-establishment (for example, Black-skinned Beauty by Tulli Reviv with music by Shlomo Bar, reminds one that Jewish beauty is not necessarily blonde).

And their music, which fuses the greatest Jewish cosmopolitan spirit with a studious adherence to ancient Hebraic motifs, will undoubtedly provoke a sense of proud joyous Jewish affirmation—as it did at New York's Village Gate and Montreal's Universite de Quebec auditorium earlier this month — at U of T Convocation Hall on Jan. 8.

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Srul Irving Glick's Shirim Asher l'Yisrael, commissioned by Cantor Robert Scherr of Temple Israel, Natick, Mass., and performed at Glick's home Beth Tikvah recently, by Cantor Scherr and the Beth Tikvah Choir under Glick's direction, while most captivating in its faster segments, contains some interestingly varied slow recitative passages.

The best prayer segment from a musical standpoint was the V'Shamru, not only because of its lively melody but also because of its subtle harmonic variations towards the end.

Also memorable was the opening joyous upbeat Psalm 29 and the reflectively mournful but not depressing Chatzi Kaddish.

One only wished that Cantor Scherr's tenor voice, though possessing an initially zestful vibrato, had contained more diversity of texture.

New Yiddish language interest contributes to band's success

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The popularity of the Klezmer Conservatory Band is a main factor in a reawakened interest in the Yiddish language in the Boston area, according to David Fishman, an instructor in Yiddish at Harvard University.

Concerts by the band, which included Yiddish folk songs, are attended by hundreds of students, Fishman told a recent reception in his honor sponsored by the Labor Zionist Alliance at the home of Dr. Leo and Bayla Chaikof. The band is made up of 14 players and a singer and with pardonable pride the young Harvard teacher (he is only 25) said the Klezmer group "is as good as any in the country."

Fishman also spoke in the evening at the workmen's Circle in the lecture series of the Yiddish Culture Council. His subject was "The Vilna Gaon and Chassidim."

The establishment of the National Yiddish Book Centre at Amherst, Mass., with several hundred thousand volumes, is another reason for renewed interest in the language, he said.

Fishman has 10 students in his elementary class and five at the intermediate level, but the program is only two years old at Harvard. One of the students is non-Jewish.

Bayla Chaikof commented that a critical factor in Toronto is the total absence of Yiddish language instruction at the high school level in the Jewish school system. She pointed out that money from the provincially-sponsored Heritage program is available for such courses.

Peretz Miransky said twice as much space will be available in the new quarters of the Jewish Public Library for Yiddish books as was available before.

Reviewing his own Yiddish education, Fishman said he attended the Sholem Aleichem Shule in New York, where he was born, and also the Hebrew Gymnasia (high school) in Jerusalem for three years.

While in Israel, he studied privately with Yudel Mark, editor of the Great Dictionary of the Yiddish language. He attended Yeshiva University in New York and holds a Master of Arts degree from Harvard University in Jewish studies.

Julius Sokoloff, chairman of the Labor Zionist Alliance, described Fishman as the representative of a new generation of Yiddish scholars. He noted that Fishman appeared on the platform with Eli Wiesel and Arthur Hertzberg at the Yiddish conference in Montreal last May.

Fishman said Harvard bought its first Yiddish book, a grammar published in Germany, 150 years ago, and that since then its Yiddish library has grown to be the third best in U.S., ranked only behind the Jewish Public Library and the 42nd St. Library in New York.

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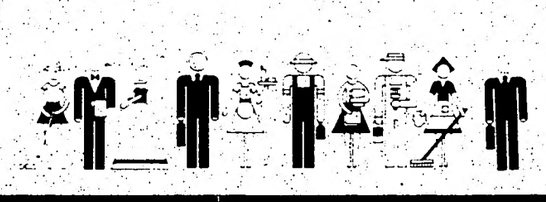

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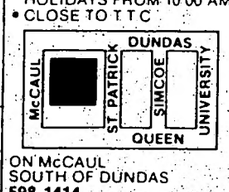

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Travel

Copenhagen— a gateway to Israel

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

A 3-week tour combining Israel and Denmark has just been announced by Toronto's Unity Travel Ltd.

"It's a natural," said Unity spokesman Ninna Folb. "Israel, Jews and Denmark have always enjoyed a close friendship."

The tour, departing in early January, February and March, includes six nights in Copenhagen, a day in Oslo and two weeks in Israel. An abbreviated 2-week version, March 24-April 6, will allow participants to spend Passover in Israel.

Copenhagen is the capital of Denmark, a country warmly remembered for its unique efforts to save its Jews from the Nazis during World War II. In 1943, over a 10-day period beginning with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur, Danish fishermen and resistance leaders ferried more than 7,000 Jews across Ore Sound to neutral Sweden.

Of the 472 Jews captured by the Nazis and shipped to Theresienstadt, 52 died. The others, along with those in Sweden, returned in 1945 to their homes and businesses. Many found that even their gardens had been maintained by Danish neighbors in their absence.

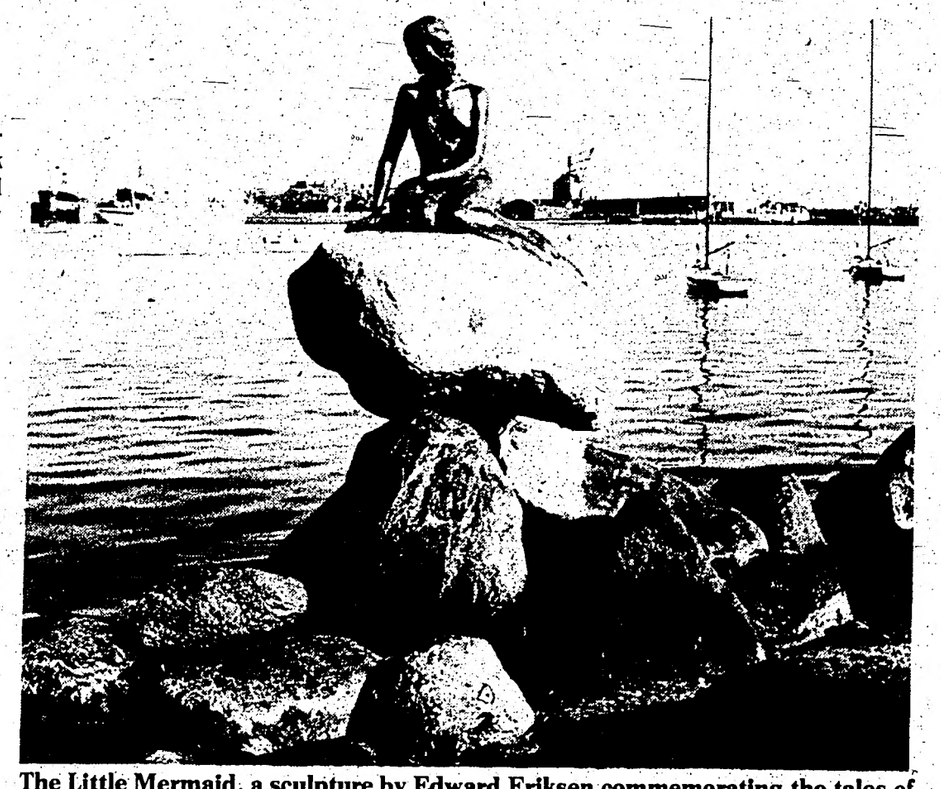
The rescue and return are detailed in one of the many sites of Jewish interest in Copenhagen, the Museum of the Danish Resistance, on the Esplanaden. Moving photographs of every stage of the operations are included in the display.

The event is also revealed in Copenhagen's Great Synagogue, 12 Krystalgade, built in 1833. King Christian X, Danish ruler during the war, spoke out boldly against the occupying Nazis' intentions of razing the synagogue, saving it from destruction. Its Torah scrolls and other treasures were hidden by the Danish clergy in a neighboring church, and returned after the war.

In 1953, Christian's son, King Fredrick, and Queen Ingrid, took part in a special service at the synagogue marking the 10th anniversary of the rescue of Danish Jewry.

The story widely circulated outside of Denmark that King Christian promised to wear the yellow star of David if the Nazis compelled Danish Jews to wear it, is not quite true: the yellow star was never introduced there. But he and the entire Danish royal family did threaten to resign if the Danish parliament were compelled to approve anti-Jewish laws.

Other memorials to the Danish action include a large commemorative stone in bustling Tuborg Harbor. The town of Helsingor, 55 km. away — a visit-by train is included in the Unity tour — has a sculptured representation of a Danish fishing boat with Jewish refugees; it was done by one of Denmark's leading sculptors, Harald Isenstein, who was himself among those rescued in 1943.



The Little Mermaid, a sculpture by Edward Eriksen commemorating the tales of Hans Christian Andersen, is enthroned at the entrance of Copenhagen harbor.

The Jewish community of Denmark is the oldest in Scandinavia, begun in 1622 when a group of Sephardic Jews from Amsterdam and Hamburg accepted the invitation of King Christian IV to help him develop a newly-founded city in the then Danish province of Schleswig-Holstein. Jewish contributions to Danish life since that time are acknowledged in a large number of Copenhagen sites.

Bohr Alle is named after physicist Niels Bohr, whose mother Ellen Adler was a member of a prominent Jewish banking family. According to one commentator, Bohr's standing in Denmark is only slightly less revered than that of the royal family and native son Hans Christian Andersen.

Included in the portraits of Danish notables in Frederiksborg Castle is a painting of Mendel Levin Nathansen, the scion of a 19th century banking family who became the father of Danish journalism. On the Allegade near the castle, the Goldschmidt memorial honors novelist and essayist Meier Aron Goldschmidt, one of the country's literary pioneers.

Meyersgade, Melchiorsvej, Bendixgade, Brandes Alle, Trier's Plads, and Melchior's Plads are among the streets and squares honoring influential Jewish literary, artistic, commercial and community figures of the past.

The Israelsplad, or Israel Square, in the centre of the city near the Israeli embassy, received its current name in 1968 on the 25th anniversary of the rescue of Danish Jewry.

The Jewish Community Centre, the country's communal headquarters, on Kongensgade, has a museum of Jewish ceremonial objects and a Jewish library.

The Danish Royal Library, on Bremensgade, has a special Jewish department with more than 50,000 volumes of Hebraica and Judaica, 500 manuscripts and 60 Hebrew incunabula. These were donated from the private library of David Simonsen, Chief Rabbi of Denmark from 1893 to 1902.

There are a number of thriving synagogues, schools, homes for the aged and Jewish sports clubs. David Gershwald, the owner of Copenhagen's long-established kosher restaurant can arrange flexible tours of these and other community facilities.

General vacation activities abound in Copenhagen, permeated with a unique Danish flavor, including a variety of concerts, opera and theatre.

Says Mrs. Folb: "Sightseeing and shopping are excellent along the Stroget," a famous walkway made up of a series of streets downtown. "There are many little shops which sell the fine porcelain, good glassware, wool sweaters and jewelry that Denmark is known for.

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Song of America to feature 1-week cruise from Miami

By JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI —

The white Norwegian cruise ship Song of America is the newest addition to the fleet of cruise ships now operating all year out of this fabled resort city.

It is one of the few ships built in recent years entirely for the cruise trade — not an older ship renamed and refurbished. The Song of America was built over the past year in the shipyards of Helsinki, Finland, and came to Miami late in November.

The new 37,000 ton ship is scheduled to sail out of Miami every Sunday at 5.30 in the afternoon, with its first stop at Nassau in the Bahamas the next morning at 8 o'clock for a day of sightseeing, shopping, golfing or deep sea fishing off Nassau or its nearby islands. The ship leaves Nassau at 4 in the afternoon for San Juan, Puerto Rico, arriving there on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

That leaves an afternoon and evening in the colonial Spanish-American atmosphere of the old city or its beaches in the newer resort area. There will even be time to visit the rain forest inland with lush ferns, tropical birds, orchids and waterfalls.

The ship leaves just after midnight, at 2 a.m., heading for St. Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands, arriving at 8 a.m., leaving at 6 o'clock in the afternoon after a day of duty-free shopping in the old Danish city of Charlotte Amalie.

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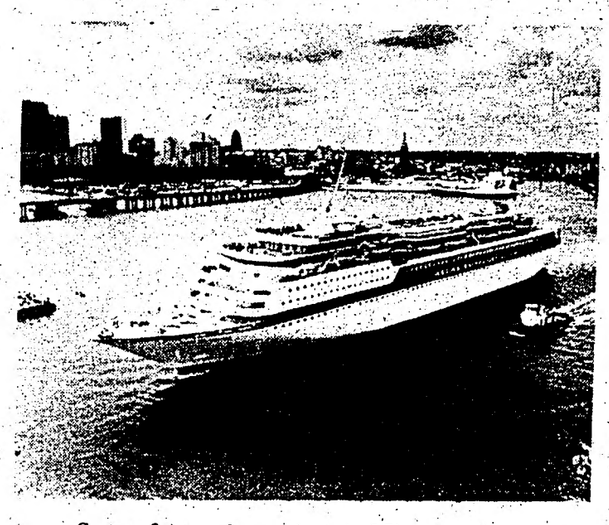

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The ship docks Sundays at 8.30 in the morning.

This travel reporter found the batteries of 25-cent and $1 slot machines a fascinating diversion, daytime or evening. Card players have a room of their own on the opposite side of the deck. Between these two "gambling" rooms is a 202-seat cinema where I saw first-run movies I had not yet seen in Toronto.

The various lounge rooms have entertainment, both stage and for dancing or just music for listening. The entertainment is varied, with no single act repeated during the 7-day cruise.

If you take a cruise to catch up on your reading, bring the books with you, for I did not find much of a library on the ship on the pre-inaugural cruise to nowhere to which I was invited.

Miami has in recent years become an important cruise port, perhaps the biggest in the United States, with most of the ships traveling the Caribbean area to as far south as the top of South America.

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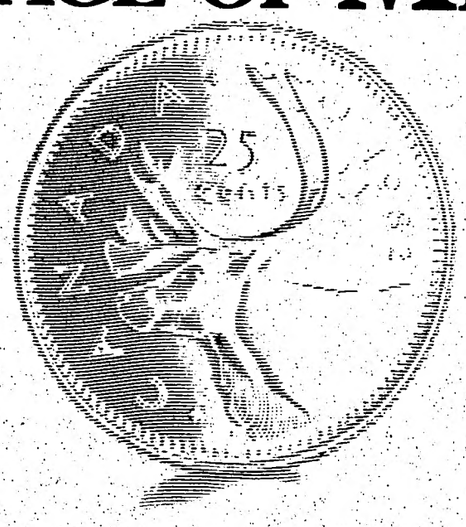

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Adapt to new technology

Productivity in Canada must be increased: Johnston

By
GARY COHEN

TORONTO —
Canada must "manage technological change effectively" and "marry that activity to economic development" in order to increase productivity and avoid setbacks in an increasingly competitive world market, Donald Johnston, minister of state for economic development and for science and technology, recently told a luncheon meeting of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

Johnston stressed that Canada's inability to develop and exploit "advanced technology and high productive goods and services" through innovation could lead to dire consequences.

He predicted such a failure would lead to a severe erosion in the country's industrial base; continued high, double-digit unemployment; a drastic reduction in revenues from resource industries; and a vast labor force move toward low-paying service jobs.

Johnston said "the best opportunities for new challenging and high-paying jobs are in the technology - intensive goods and services — in telecommunications, in computer-based equipment, in software, in computer-based services, and in communications services."

To exemplify the toughness of the world market, the minister cited a Citibank World Outlook study that compared productivity growth of 11 selected industrialized countries from 1970 to the end of 1981. The study showed that Canada finished last.

In Canada, according to the survey, output per man-hour rose 32% compared with 110% and 109% for the top-end countries Japan and Belgium, respectively. Although Canada has begun to accelerate its productivity rate, he said, the effort to do so must be intensified.

Johnston said international competition is going to be fierce in the future, not just from the U.S., Japan and Europe, but also from the Eastern bloc and newly industrialized countries. Emerging technologies, he stated, "will permit some Third World countries to almost leapfrog a generation of development and move rapidly over the industrial stage to an advanced industrial and technological environment."

Donald Johnston

The "need to apply process innovation to remain competitive by being more productive" is evident in many areas of the economy, Johnston said. Continuing difficulties in the "mature" industries such as clothing and footwear, major manufacturing sectors such as automobiles, aerospace and metal smelting, and for the resource sector "means, at best, little or no employment growth in these sectors, and more likely job loss. But, if we do not get more productive and competitive," he stated, "the job losses will be even worse."

Johnston rejected protectionism in these areas as an invitation to ill-afforded retaliation and global depression.

In an effort to stimulate economic growth, employment growth and the creation of more highly-skilled and high-paying jobs, increased research and development, and an equitable distribution of economic development benefits among Canadians, the minister said he will be bringing a series of recommendations to Liberal cabinet members. Among those guideposts and recommendations will be:

• To develop internationally competitive high-technology industries suited to Canada's knowledge and resource base, and industrial structure.

• To ensure resources, human and capital, are focused and co-ordinated at a national level in areas where Canadians can compete.

• To promote awareness and participation of all segments of the economy in the process of managing technological change.

• To encourage preparedness of the labor force for technological change through emphasis on training and education.

• To encourage and reward risk-taking in the areas of investment, innovation and research and development through tax incentives and the simplification and clarification of regulatory processes.

• To ensure governmental support of private initiatives and dialogue on technological change.

In turning his attention to Canada-Israel relations, Johnston said that during his visit to Israel last year he was "impressed by quite a number of technology-related projects" and added, "I believe there is great scope for efforts to promote co-operative research and development projects in our two countries."

The government of Canada and Israel have recently reached an agreement to establish an institute which will promote co-operation in industrial research and development. The institute will be located in Toronto under the trusteeship of the CICC with a bi-national board of directors from government and the private sector.

Shul's music director to be honored Jan. 28

TORONTO —
Gordon Kushner, director of music for the past 27 years at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, will be honored at a special Friday night dinner of tribute to be held at the synagogue on Jan. 28.

On the next day, the annual Shabbat shira [Sabbath of song] service at the Beth Tzedec will also feature a new composition by Kushner commissioned especially for the service by the Harnick Family's Cultural Endowment Fund.

Gordon Kushner

Kushner, now in his 60s, has been part of Toronto's music scene for more than 35 years. But his reputation as a piano soloist and accompanist for some of Canada's most prominent musical artists began long before that in his native Winnipeg.

While a student in Winnipeg, Kushner was a regular performer on CBC radio and appeared with such well known Canadian artists as violinist Albert Pratz and pianist Neil Chotem.

After he completed his naval service in World War II, he moved to Toronto, where he continued his association with the CBC, working in many capacities — soloist, accompanist, conductor, arranger, and also as announcer for radio and TV.

While maintaining a busy CBC schedule, Kushner found time to travel as accompanist with many outstanding performers, and even served for a period as musical director of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet on its tour of eastern Canada.

As a teacher, Kushner's accomplishments are more than apparent to Toronto's music community. A member of the faculty of music at the University of Toronto, and later at the Royal Conservatory of Music, Kushner became involved in the teaching of music at the elementary levels.

In 1966-67 the Canada Council sponsored Kushner to travel in Europe and Israel to study, first-hand, methods of teaching elementary music in public schools in various countries.

This tour led him to the Kodaly Institute of Canada, serving until 1979 as its first president.

Kushner's administrative talents have added much to Toronto. His position as director of the summer school and then as vice-principal at the Royal Conservatory of Music, has allowed many musicians to benefit from his knowledge.

Because of his interest in the teaching of music at the elementary levels, he helped to found the Community Music School at the Jewish Communtiy Centre and served as its first director.

Kushner was also, for many years, the chairman of the music committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and was instrumental in the introduction of Jewish Music Month into the Toronto music calendar.

Music, and in particular Jewish music, has always surrounded Kushner's life. His father was a cantor and Hebrew teacher in Winnipeg, and so his involvement with synagogue music began at an early age.

He began his adult synagogue activities with the Goel Tzedec in 1949, and has had a continuous association with Beth Tzedec since its move to its present Bathurst St. location.

As its director of music, he is in charge of both the professional synagogue choir and the Beth Tzedec choral group. Other community choirs he has worked with are the Hamilton Jewish Choral Group, the Holy Blossom Temple Singers and the YM-YWHA Choir.

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Regular Monday (January 3, 1983) refuse will be picked up on Tuesday, January 4, 1983.

Regular Tuesday (January 4, 1983) refuse will be picked up on Wednesday, January 5, 1983.

Regular collections of bulky articles and newspapers will be made on Wednesday, December 22, 1982 and January 12, 1983.

There will be NO collection of bulky articles and newspapers on Wednesday, December 29, and Wednesday, January 5, 1983.

Your co-operation in placing your garbage out for collection on the proper day will be appreciated.

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World record runner Coe inspects new sports stadium

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By GARY COHEN

The annual B'nai B'rith hockey league Chanukah skating party precluded much of the regular shinny action last week, but several important contests, including two makeup games, were played.

In a rescheduled A Division match-up Forrestdale Big Steel Man decimated Canyon IFL Jets to jump into second place in the standings, moving past Jets and Toronto Freedom Lodge Whalers. BSM was paced by Brand Robins, Rob Samuels and Tom Ehrlich who each tallied twice. Robins and Samuels added three assists apiece, while Ehrlich also helped set up a goal.

The other make-up contest, also in A Division, pitted Toronto Freedom Lodge Refiners against Upper Canada Snipers. Refiners skated away from Snipers by a 5-2 score with the help of three goals from Stuart Himmel.

In regularly scheduled C Division action, Toronto Freedom Lodge Plumbers ganged up on the pointless (no wins, no ties, no pun intended) Maccabiah Weiss Guys to gain a 7-2 victory.

The only other C Division game saw Toronto Freedom Lodge Maple Leafs take a 4-1 decision from Mixed Red Wings.

Goose eggs were the name of the game in B Division as the undefeated Leonard Mayzel Black Hawks pushed their winning streak to nine games by edging Don Mills Axemen 2-0 behind the shutout goaltending of Gary Buckspan.

Also in B Division, Forrestdale Sting whipped Judea Greenhorns 8-0. Sting's Jeff Meretsky was between the pipes for the shutout.

As the BB hockey season approaches the halfway point it seems appropriate for a rundown of the division standings at this time. In the tight premiere A Division the teams stack up as follows:

Toronto Freedom Lodge Refiners (8-3-0) lead the pack with 16 points; Forrestdale Big Steel Man (6-3-1) are in second-place with 13 points; TFL Whalers (5-3-2) follow with 12 points; Canyon IFL Jets (4-3-3) have 11 points; TFL Teammates (3-6-1) have earned 7 points; and Upper Canada Snipers (1-9-1) trail the pack with 3 points.

In B I Division standings:

TFL Feathers (8-1-0) are comfortably on top with 16 points; Forrestdale Flyers (5-3-1) and Don Mills Developers (5-3-1) share second place spot with 11 points each; Canyon Kings (4-5-0) have 8 points; Upper Canada Capitals (2-5-2) are in fifth-place with 6 points; Judea Greenhorns (1-7-1) have 3 points; and winless Maccabiah Jets (0-7-2) occupy the basement with 2 points.

In the B II Division race:

The league's only undefeated team, Leonard Mayzel Black Hawks (9-0-0), have a firm grip on first place with 18 points; Maccabiah Beavers (7-2-0) are close behind with 14 points; Don Mills Axemen (6-2-1) follow with 13 points; TFL Rangers (4-5-0), Forrestdale Sting (3-4-2) and TFL Miners (2-3-4) are knotted with 8 points apiece; and the hapless Wilson Heights Warriors (0-9-0) have yet to earn a point.

C division standings are as follows:

Canyon Old Timers (8-1-0) are leading with 16 points; TFL Maple Leafs (7-1-1) are in hot pursuit with 15 points; TFL Plumbers (4-4-2) are in third with 10 points; Mixed Red Wings (4-6-0) have earned 8 points; Mixed Devils (1-4-4) follow with 6 points; and Maccabiah Weiss Guys (0-8-1) are entrenched behind the pack with 1 point.

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Wanda Wilson of the Brantford Powerlifting Club was the overall winner at the recent Women's Invitational Powerlifting Championships held at the Jewish Community Centre's northern branch.

Wilson set three official Canadian powerlifting records at the event which was sanctioned by the Canadian Powerlifting Union. The sanctioned contest also enables Wilson and the other lifters who took part in the competition to have a shot at gaining a berth on the national powerlifting squad.

Wilson set Canadian records for the 70 kg. class by recording a total lift mark of 382½ kg. in the three lift (benchpress, squat and deadlift) competition. She also set class standards by hoisting 155 kg. in the squat event and 175 kg. in the deadlift.

Eileen Cookson set a national record in the 67½ kg. weight class with a 70 kg. lift in the benchpress en route to taking second place in the overall competition. Cookson's total lift was 352½ kg.

Isaac Ofek [left] and British runner Sebastian Coe tour Hadar Yosef Stadium in Tel Aviv, site of upcoming 12th Hapoel Games.

Bonnie Kelly of the Kirkland Lake Powerlifting Club, competing in the 45½ kg. weight class had a total lift of 247½ kg. to capture third spot honors at the championships.

Because the event was sanctioned by the CPU the Malone Formula, a type of handicapping procedure used in powerlifting which takes into account differences in lifters' body weights, was applied.

Fourteen of the fifteen women invited to take part in the competition appeared at the meet which drew about 80 spectators to the Jewish Community Centre. Peter Sewell, one of the meet organizers and a member of the JCC's physical education department, said the competition was "very successful" both from the point of view of audience and athletic participation.

Sewell said CPU officials were pleased with the professionalism that surrounded the meet and expects that the JCC will be hosting more sanctioned powerlifting competitions in the future. He added that interest in the sport is just beginning to pickup and anticipates it will grow as the public becomes more familiar with powerlifting.

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The Jewish Community Centre's sixth annual Chanukah Run For Freedom was an unabashed success this year with almost three times as many people participating in the non-competitive run than last year.

Sponsored by the Ontario Maccabi Association, the event drew about 200 runners who toured four routes (21 km, 15 km, 10 km and 4 km), as opposed to the 65 participants who entered last year. Organizers attributed part of the run's success to the route changes, which this year all led back to the JCC, and the temperate weather conditions.

Runners returning to the JCC were treated to brunch, a menorah candle lighting ceremony presided over by Rabbi Erwin Schild of Adath Israel Synagogue and Maccabi T-shirts. There was also a draw for prizes which included books about Chanukah, menorahs and chess and backgammon sets.

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Outstanding British middle-distance runner Sebastian Coe made a recent visit to Israel during which he accompanied Isaac Ofek, president of the organizing committee of the 12th Hapoel Games and chairman of the Israel Olympic Committee, on a tour of inspection of the new Hadar Yosef Stadium in Tel Aviv.

The stadium will be the site of track and field competitions at the international Hapoel Games meet in Israel. The Games are scheduled to run May 1-7. Over 2,000 athletes representing 40 countries are expected to take part in the event.

Thus far, more than 1,200 athletes from 22 nations have registered for the Games.

Coe, who is well known for his intense rivalry with fellow countryman Steve Ovett, is presently recovering from a fracture of the leg which has kept him out of competition since the summer. He and Ovett have traded world records in the 800- and 1,500-metre distances back and forth over the past few years. Coe presently holds the 1,500 metre standard.

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The B'nai B'rith Maccabiah Lodge's Monte Carlo Night drew approximately 1,100 people to the Toronto International Centre on Grey Cup weekend. In the process, the lodge had one of its best fund raising nights and net proceeds exceeded $10,000.

The event, which was officially sanctioned by the Grey Cup Festival Committee, featured bingo, black jack, wheels of fortune, an auction, a general store and an art store.

According to a lodge spokesman, much of the night's success was attributable to the fact that virtually every lodge member and their wife or girlfriend participated by working that evening and by selling tickets prior to the event.

Another important factor was that many companies and individuals contributed to the evening by donating products or services. Members of the Maccabiah Lodge were assisted by individuals from Forrestdale Heights Lodge, the Shoshanna Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women and the Metropolitan Toronto Grey Cup Festival Committee.

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to send at least one member to Israel. Aliya must be a priority and the Jewish people must be involved in determining Israel's future, he said.

In his address, Leon Dulzin also stressed aliya as a Jewish commitment.

He placed special emphasis on youth, asserting that there are presently thousands of young Jews who want to immigrate to Israel. The movement should encompass tens of thousands, he declared.

The WZO chairman also said that the Zionist movement should now concentrate its efforts on the Jewish academic world.

Until now, he said, it has been focused on the Jewish business community which was essential in the early days of the Jewish state because of its vast economic needs.

"Now is the time to approach another segment of the Jewish community, a segment whose influence has increased considerably," Dulzin said.

"We refer to some million Jews, students, teachers, researchers and professors who we have to reach and make them join the Zionist and Jewish framework," Dulzin said. The old framework of the Zionist movement are outdated and no longer reflect reality and the needs of the movement, he maintained.

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In Israel from July 25 to Aug. 10

Sports jamboree planned for traditional youth

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

A world youth gathering for sports and culture, designed for religious and traditional 15- to 19-year-olds, is scheduled in Israel from July 25 to Aug. 10.

The program, planned by the Elitzur Religious Sporting Association in Israel, [Elitzuria], will be held at the Wingate Institute near Netanya and at Tel Aviv University.

According to Zeev Braverman, secretary-general of Elitzur and a member of the Olympic Committee and Sports Federation of Israel, Elitzuria is more of a sports jamboree than a serious sports championship such as the Maccabiah Games.

In addition, he said here last week during a nationwide publicity tour for Elitzuria, the program is drawing younger participants than those in the Maccabiah Games.

"Our program's purpose," Braverman added, "is to develop Elitzuria sports branches around the world, and encourage Jewish youth to visit Israel."

Elitzuria, under the patronage of Zevelun Hammer, Israeli minister of education and culture, is open to athletes proficient in track and field, swimming, basketball, volleyball, handball, soccer, tennis, table tennis, judo, softball and chess.

Dance ensembles, youth choirs and cultural troupes are also invited to attend.

Besides team and individual sports, there will be an extensive touring program in the second half of the program which includes visits to cities, development towns and kibbutzim.

There will be no sport events on Sabbath, July 29 and 30, and at that time participants will be hosted by families and by field schools in and around Jerusalem.

Daily prayers and strictly kosher meals are part of the Elitzuria program.

The subsidized cost for participants including food, accommodation at the Tel Aviv University and Wingate dormitories, transport, entertainment and touring is U.S. $450, and a guest cost of U.S. $600 for youthis not participating.

Airfare to and from Israel is not included in these prices, but a charter flight will probably be arranged at a lower rate by the Jewish Agency and the North American project co-ordinator for Elitzuria.

A special package is available for families, and includes participation at the games, accommodation at 4- or 5-star hotels such as the Concorde and Astoria in Tel Aviv, and a touring program in air-conditioned buses.

Prices vary from $488 to $642 for the entire package, inclusive of bed and breakfast, entrance to sites, and transport to and from the airport.

The opening ceremony will take place on July 25 in the open air amphitheatre of Caesarea.

A traditional aliya to Jerusalem and festive prayers at the Western Wall will be part of Elitzuria's closing ceremony.

Elitzuria was founded in 1938 by young Orthodox Jews who came to Israel as pioneers.

Untrained in the martial arts and in poor physical shape, they were helpless against the constant attacks from their Arab neighbors.

The Elitzur brigade, according to Braverman, was founded to train religious youth in self-defence and in the handling of weapons to develop their stamina and protect the Jewish settlements.

Sports, Braverman said, was soon combined with the paramilitary training and included ball games, swimming, gymnastics and track and field.

According to Braverman, Elitzur is now the second largest sports association in Israel after Hapoel, with over 25,000 people active in its 130 Israeli branches.

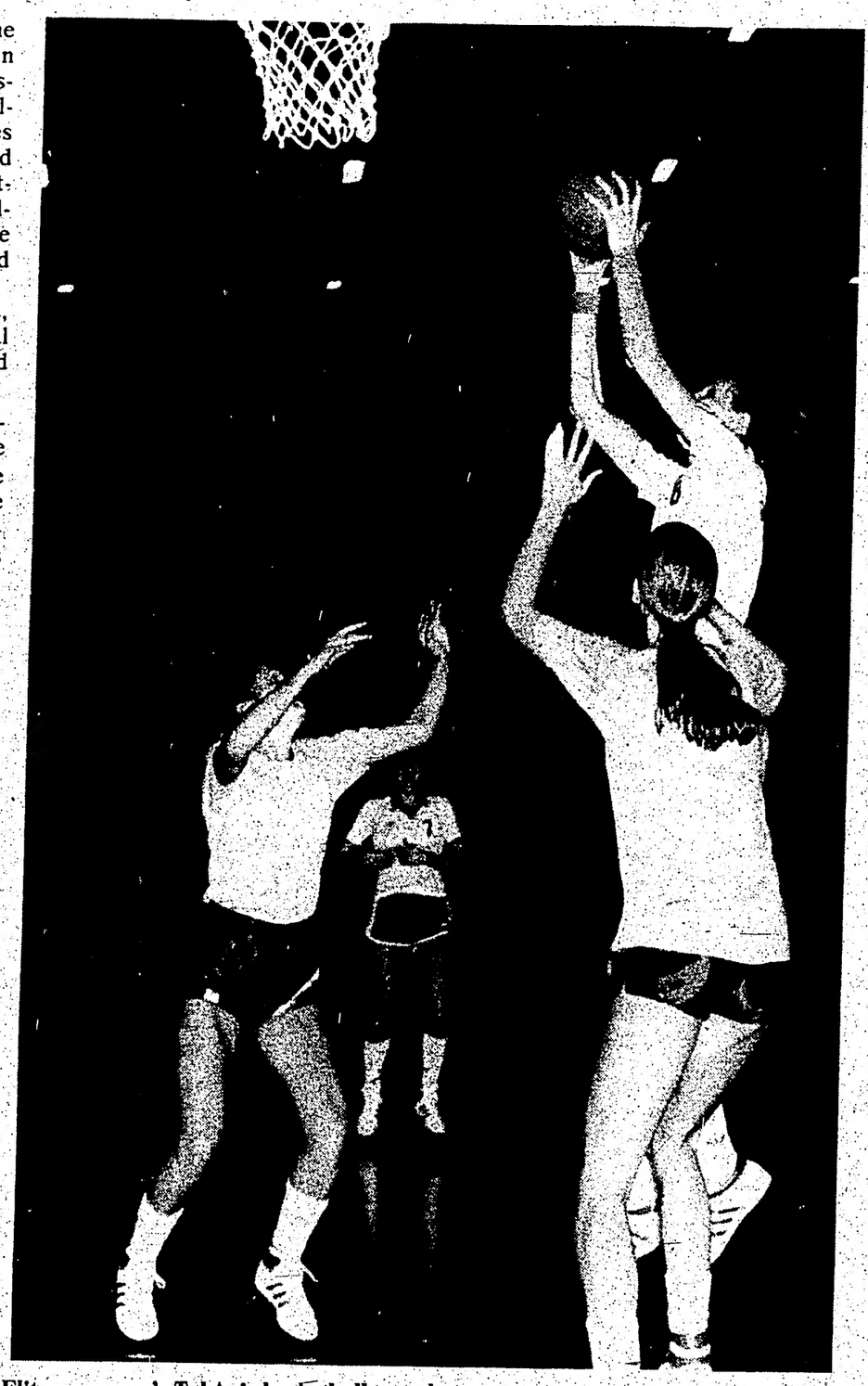
Funded by the Olympic committee, the sports federation and the ministry of education, it is not politically affiliated but it is closest in affiliation to Hapoel-Ha-Mizrachi.

Elitzur has no soccer team because with the 6-day work week in Israel and the religious beliefs of its participants, it would be too expensive to set up an electrically lit field for Saturday nights only.

But, Braverman points out, the women's basketball team of Elitzur Tel Aviv has been the national champion and cup holder in the league championship for the last six years.

Braverman said that 60% of Elitzur participants are male and 40% are female.

For more information on the Elitzuria program contact B'nei Akiva shaliach David Kab in Toronto at [416] 222-5799 or Moshe Avissar in Montreal at [514] 487-2409.



Elitzur women's Tel Aviv basketball team has won many national championships.

Five Marksians help turn out 101 Marvelous Muffins book

By
FRANK RASKY

The Marks family — from left, Jerry, Randy, Adele, Marty and Sol — taste muffins prepared according to their cookbook.

TORONTO —

Surely you've heard of that Jewish proverb that the family that cooks — and produces cookbooks together — makes good food and money together.

If you haven't heard of that maxim, then it's time you were introduced to the Marks family who coined that happy phrase.

Altogether, there are five Marksians who put their talents together to turn out a new 130-page, charmingly illustrated, $9.98 cookbook titled 101 Marvelous Muffins.

There's Mamma Adele Marks, 53, who confected all the recipes for the 101 yummy muffins, from apple caraway to zucchini.

There's Papa Sol Marks, 53, who printed the cookbook on the 2-color Heidelberg offset press in his National Press printing company on Edgar Ave. in Weston.

There's No. 1 Son Marty Marks, 32, a calligrapher, responsible for the cookbook's design and handwritten text.

There's No. 2 Son Jerry Marks, 29, who retails the book and his mother's baking at his Gadget Shop at 591 Yonge St.

Then there's No. 3 Son Randy Marks, 23, who helps sell and distribute the book nationally in conjunction with General Publishing Co. of Canada.

This is the second offbeat cookbook venture for the Marks family. Two years ago, the family-owned Gadget Publishing Co. issued The Giant Cookbook — a 150-page, hand-lettered, $25 monster nearly 1½ feet high, which is now into its fourth edition of 1,000 copies.

Adele and Sol Marks sold more than 2,000 copies themselves. They simply hopped into their Oldsmobile and traveled across Canada on a working vacation two summers ago, selling their stock to specialty gift shops rather than conventional book stores.

"Everywhere we went, I saw muffin shops doing an enormous trade," says Adele Marks. "That gave me the idea of putting together a cookbook devoted to nothing but muffins. I like pioneering, because I come from a family of pioneers."

Indeed, she does. Her grandparents, Sam and Minnie Brounstein, were immigrant homesteaders from Bessarabia who built their first home near Ounger, Sask., by digging a sort of gopher hole-cave in a hill and putting a makeshift door in front.

During their first winter, a fierce blizzard almost trapped them alive inside. Luckily, their horse, seeking shelter from the storm, stood shivering beside the door, thus preventing it from being buried in the snow.

Her parents, Isaac and Bessie Brounstein, graduated from a sod-roof, dirt-floor hovel to a 1-storey log cabin they built themselves. "My mother told me stories of how she'd scare away the timber wolves by throwing hot water at them," she recalls.

But it wasn't all hardship in what ultimately became a 360-acre grain farm, with livestock that included 40 head of Hereford and Jersey cattle and 12 work horses.

The some 60 Jewish families in the area would travel many miles in the worst blizzards to attend these festive get-togethers. The unmarried women would make colorful baskets stuffed with delicious food which were auctioned off to beaux. If the storms were too blowy, guests would sleep on the floor and eat and drink until the weather cleared.

"To be a good cook then, you had to improvise," she says, recalling how she began baking at the age of 10. "We had no ice box, and certainly no fridge. And in summer, when the shoichet came around to kill our chickens, we had to preserve the meat in a cool, dry place in the well.

"You should have seen the hefty meals we women folk prepared at harvest time! My mother was a marvelous baker. I learned from her how to bake a good challah, for example. The secret is to limit the yeast so it doesn't rise too much and use a ratio of three eggs to a challah. Delicious!"

Her husband, Sol, confesses that the family maxim about all of them whistling blithely while they cook isn't totally accurate.

"I'm a great eater and I love publishing the great recipes," he says. "But the awful truth is I'm the culinary klutz in the Marks family. I can't even boil a pan of water."

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